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# Queen's politics revealed

**PAUL VALLELY** 

The Queen has been a significant political influence in Britain throughout her reign and in general she has used it to push government policy to the left, according to a major new biography of the monarch by historian Ben Pimlott.

The influence has been behind the scenes and always subtle. But its general drift is clear and not confined to attempts to temper the excesses of the later years of Thatcherism. The sovereign is, as Professor Pimlott vesterday put it, "in her own way, a bit of a lefty".

The book, which is being serialised in The Independent over three days, starting today, is based on 85 interviews with members of the royal family, senior courtiers and the Queen's closest friends. Many of the interviews were



facilitated by Buckingham Palace, which also allowed unprecedented ac-

cess to the royal archives. Pimlott, professor of politics and contemporary history of Birkbeck Col-lege at the University of London, re-veals that the inonarch questioned the wisdom of the British invasion of Suez in 1956. She expressed anger at the Government's acquiescence in the US invasion of Grenada in 1983. She made it clear she was out of sympathy with Margaret Thatcher's opposition to sanctions against South Africa. And she let it be known that she was concerned over the general drift of Thatcherism, which she saw as damaging Britain with its uncaring attitude towards the under-privileged

The Queen also made the Thatcher government aware that she thought it was undermining the Common-wealth and threatening the consensus in British politics which she thinks has served the country well since the Second World War.

The role of the monarch as part of the system of checks and balances which have developed in the British constitution has, in previous times, al-ways been perceived as a check on left-wing politicians. "George VI's ashes had sometimes focused on the Labour government's attacks on private property, and the Queen Mother continued happily to talk to all comers about the misdeeds of communists and left-wingers in the Labour Party or at the BBC," Pimlott writes.

But the present Queen has acted more consistently as a check on the right. Her position over Suez was far from neutral in the face of Sir Anthony Eden's insistence on a dying thrash of Empire by invading Egypt. "I think the Queen believed Eden was mad," the book

In more recent times the Opeen made it clear that she thought the Thatcher government should be more caring towards the poor and that she had feared that serious long-term. damage was being done to the social fabric of the nation during the 1984 miners' strike. She also had doubts about the decision to allow the Americans to use British airbases for a raid on Libya in April 1986.

The Queen's displeasure was expressed with circumspection but, in the circumstances, it was no less forceful for that. "She did not directly criticise the Government's plans. But she measured her response to them," Pimlott writes. "She would often express, or hint at, her own opinion by asking a leading question, or referring to somebody else who held an alternative view. If she approved she would say so, positively. Disapproval was indicated by a significant failure to comment."

Such was the Queen's style in general, the book reveals. Unlike her husband, the Queen seldom indicated directly what she wanted to happen. "She has excellent passive judgement," one former courtier says. She expects others to make suggestions, and then she reacts with caution, reserving her



most positive responses for ideas

which fit her own needs precisely. Pimlott reserves his greatest criticism of the Queen for her role in the backroom handover of power between the Tory premiers Harold Macmillan and Alec Douglas-Home. She allowed Macmillan to dupe her in what Pim-lott describes as "the biggest political

sult of "the Macmillan-Home débâcle" the Conservatives changed their method of selecting their leader. This put an end to the monarch's discretionary power in the choice of a prime

minister in normal circumstances. But, he argues, the manneuvrings around the formation of the minority Labour government in 1974 show that the monarch still retains a signif-

icant role. Though the Queen's prerogative powers were never invoked a belief in the possibility that they might be played an important part in the inter-party political poker game. In the multi-party conditions thrown up by a volatile electorate – and in the event of a bung parliament at the next general election - it might be a crucial one. Queen and Country, pages 18 and 19

# The lobbyist and the MPs' hired help

CHRIS BLACKHURST Westminster Correspondent

lan Greer, the controversial lobbyist at the centre of the cash for questions scandal, sent his staff out to work for MPs and ministers during the last general

election campaign.

As well as making cash donations to MPs' fighting funds. Mr Greer encouraged staff to leave the office for the threeweek duration of the election battle and to work for prominent politicians. They continued to receive full pay from his firm, Ian Greer Associates, and their services were provided to the MPs for free.

Four Tories and the Shadow front-bencher Chris Smith benefited from the secondment scheme. Mr Greer yesterday confirmed the following secondments had been made: John Fraser worked for Christopher Chope; Paddy Gilford helped John Bowis: Jeremy Sweeney assisted Sir Graham Bright; Richard Jukes worked on Colin Movnihan's campaign and Robbie MacDuff was on Mr Smith's team. "It was great work experience for them to be involved at the sharp end of politics," explained Mr Greer.

A former Greer employee said it was the firm's policy to wind down the office in London to farm out employees to MPs.
With little lobbying to do at Westminster and all eyes on the election battle, there was little point, said the ex-Greer execntive, in attempting to carry on as usual. In common with other lobbying firms, Greer's staff were themselves politically active and wanted to get out and fight their cause. Other lobbying firms, he said, also followed a similar practice of allowing

their staff to help MPs.
Further evidence of the close ties between Mr Greer and Neil Hamilton came with the disclosure by another ex-member of his firm that Commons held at the lobbyist's office. The ex-Greer staff member said Mr Hamilton's notepaper was kept in the offices of Mr Greer and his deputy, Andrew Smith. He did not know what it had been used for. Mr Greer would not comment about Mr

Hamilton's notepaper. Last night, Mr Hamilton spared the Government's blushes by pulling out at the last minute from a long-standing invitation to attend a reception at No 10. His presence at the event, organised by the rightwing think-tank, the Adam Smith Institute would clearly have been an embarrassment to the Prime Minister.

Yesterday Mr Hamilton admitted he had received £10,000 from Mr Greer, despite having originally denied to Michael Heseltine, the Deputy Prime Minister, that he had a financial relationship with the lobbyist.

Mr Greer denied the money was for questions to be tabled in the Commons, He said it was a "thank you" for bringing in business for his agency, Ian Greer Associates.

The Harrods boss, Mohamed Al Fayed, yesterday stepped up the pressure on Mr Hamilton and Mr Greer by claiming in a statement that he had paid £18,000 to Mr Greet. He said ing told by Mr Greer that MPs could be hired "in the same way as you hail a taxi".

At its Blackpool conference, Labour repeated calls for state funding of political parties. Delight at Tory discomfort over Mr Green's links with Tory MPs was tempered by the disclosure that he had made donations to the local campaigns of Doug Hoyle, chairman of the Parliamentary Labour Party, and Mr Smith.

Mr Hoyle, a member of the Select Committee on Members Interests, and not the Privileges Committee as had been reported, was robustly defending his friendship with Mr Greer.

Allwood loses babies Mandy Allwood, the woman who became pregnant with octuplets after taking fertility drugs vesterday finally lost all of the babies that she was expecting...

Castle outvoted

The former Cabinet minister, Baroness Castle, last night lost the vote after she brought the Labour conference in Blackpool to its feet with a fighting call for pensions to be linked to uses in carnings under a Labour government. ···--

Ban on widow 'cruel' Banning a young widow from bearing a child using her dead husband's sperm would be "cruel and unnatural", a leading fertility expert said as the woman launched a court battle against the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority. Page 6

Yeltsin successor

As Boris Yelisin nurses his damaged heart in the run-up to his operation, a presidential race is already under way among those who hope to fill his Page 11

**Medicai school crisis** One in 10 professorial chairs in British medical schools are vaant and scores of other teachg posts are unfilled because rsities can no longer afford o match NHS salaries for doc-

# Millions will lose out as insurers rush to go public

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PETER RODGERS and NIC CICUITI

The rush to the Stock Exchange by mutual insurance societies as they convert themselves into public companies is likely to lead to millions of policyholders losing out.

On the day that Norwich Union announced its £4.5bn float on the Stock Exchange, an investigation conducted for The Independent found that mutual societies are much more likely to give top payouts on life insurance policies than conventional companies of the type Norwich is to become. It raised questions about whether policyholders will benefit from con-

versions by mutual societies. The survey was carried out by John Chapman, a former official at the Office of Fair Trading. Three of the top four in Mr Chapman's rankings - Equitable Life, Norwich Union and Standard life - are mutuals. Six of the top 10 are also inutuals, and a further company in the top 10, Scottish Mutual, was owned by its policyholders until four years ago.

four of the bottom five are proprietary companies, and are among the biggest names -Royal Insurance, Sun Life, Prudential and Britannia Life.

In total, seven of the bottom 10 are proprietary companies in Mr Chapman's specially devised rankings.

holders, either directly through the stock market or as sub-BOTTOM 5 PERFORMERS

performance with future

Norwich Union's announcement yesterday signalled the start of an expected rush by mutual insurance societies to follow the building societies and abandon mutuality. Almost three million of its policyhold-ers will receive at least £500 and perhaps up to £2,500 in free shares from the flotation next til four years ago.

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surance group is owned by its policyholders and pays no dividends to shareholders. Proprietary insurance comanies are owned by share-

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sidiaries of other companies. Mr Chapman says his canking "shows the strength of the mutuals. After all, they ought to outperform proprietary companies. They do not have to give away 10 per cent of their carnings in transfers to shareholders." Proprietary companies are allowed a share in the profits of the life insurance funds

Norwich Union, which celebrates its 200th anniversary next year, originated in 1797 as Norwich Union Fire Insurance founded by Thomas Bagnold, a City of London wine merchant who had moved to Norwich and had spotted a gap in the

Until the Norwich announcement insurance companies have been slow to follow the lead of the building societies by abandoning their mutual status. Building societies that have converted include Abbey National and Cheltenham &

Halifar, the biggest of all the so-cieties, will become a stock market-quoted bank. Although some other leading mutual insurers, such as Standard Life, insist they have no plans to convert, there was a similar initial reaction by other top building societies to Abbey National's pioneering

Industry experts believe that the pressure will soon mount on other insurers to join the stock

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Sounds familiar: John Lichfield had a preview of Tony Blair's speech – from Bill Clinton four years ago. Page 10

# New York arms haul linked to IRA

DAVID McKITTRICK Ireland Correspondent

Police in New York have seized a substantial cache of weapons which they believe may have heen intended for the IRA, while Gardai in the Irish Remortar equipment close to the border.

The American seizure took IRA. place in the Queen's district of New York on Monday, netting

machineguns, together with other material.

Police have charged two Irish-Americans, who have been named as Patrick McGinley, 33. and Adrian Gallagher, 39. Police in the Oueens dispublic yesterday discovered trict, where the arrests were made, confirmed they were investigating a connection with the

> Queens' District Attorney Richard Brown said: "It would

two scmi-automatic Uzi sub-machineguns, together with the investigation will

"Suffice it to say that we do not believe that a cache of weapons of this magnitude can be viewed in a vacuum. We intend to follow all investigative leads to determine under what circumstances and why it is that the defendants amassed this small arsenal of weapons and

ammunition." In the Irish Republic, meanwhile, police discovered 21 mor- whether the mortar equipment O'Neill, who was shot dead by tar tubes and eight frames used was simply being stored or was to launch mortars in an underground bunker on farmland at Hackballscross, not far from the border with South Armagh.

A police spokesman said the find was made after a continuing search operation along the border. He added that no explosives were found in the bunker and that the mortars were not primed.

While it is not yet known

ready for imminent use, the discoveries in both the Republic. and the United States will increase concerns that the IRA is actively planning a new offensive.

Security forces have been placed on a high state of alert since the recent discovery of a major IRA explosives cache in

England.
The body of Diarmuid

police during the police oper ation in London, yesterday arrived at Cork airport under tight security arrangements.

His parents, Owen and Theresa, together with his sister Siobhan and brother Shane. travelled on the flight carrying the coffin.

Earlier police officers searched the airport and its grounds, including the morgue where the coffin is to be kept.

#### significant shorts

#### **BBC** faces Aids battle

an alleged Aids cure clinic ended in victory for the BBC yesterday - but leaves them facing a legal bill of up to £800,000.

The last of three "victims" of the joint Watchdog and New Statesman investigation, which led to a doctor being struck off for serious professional misconduct, abandoned his action for libel against the Corporation and

the magazine. Senior management at BBC televison are understood to be angry that such huge amounts of licence payers' money had to be spent defending themselves against what some observers saw as unwinnable legal actions.

#### Lottery cash for individuals

Lottery money will go to individuals for the first time under a scheme announced by the Millennium Commission yesterday. Grants totalling £8.6m will be made to six leading charities who will invite applications from indi-viduals "to enable them to achieve a personal goal while doing something for the whole community".

Millennium Commissioner Lord Dalkeith said the schemes could range from environmental work to interactive science projects. The six charities are; Help The Aged, Raleigh International Trust, The Royal Society/ British Association for the Advancement of Science (in a joint scheme). The Farmington Institute, Techniquest, and Earthwatch Europe. David Lister

#### Indecency suspect dead

police over indecent assaults on young children died after be was struck in the face with .. 20,000 music fans. Michaela crossbow bolt. A police spokeswoman said no one else was being sought in connection with the death of the 77-year-old in a flat on the

New Parks Estate, Leicester. The man was visited by ed to question him about recent attacks on two girls and a boy in west London. After they were refused entry by the man, they used a master key to enter. They discovered him dying with a crossbow bolt through his

# Japan jails

drug smuggler John Charles Irvine, a 25year-old jeweller from Jersey, was jailed for five years by a Japanese court yesterday for importing 1.5 kilos of opium into the country. He was also lent to £5,900.

He left home in January for an extended holiday in the Far East and was arrested included incorrect charges, at Tokyo's Narita airport on 30 June after arriving on a flight from Thailand. Prosecutors had asked the district court at Chiba to give Irvine, who had pleaded guilty, an eight-year sentence. He now has two weeks to appeal.

#### where the money is coming Power to the badgers

Midlands Electricity is to spend £30,000 diverting a road to one of its sub-stations so that a family of badgers can live in peace. The animals have been living in a sett near Westbury-on-Severn, Gloucestershire, for about 50 years, and their most recent extensions to their home have left a 3ft-wide hole in the access

road to a sub-station. The firm has worked closely with wildlife groups, the Ministry of Agriculture and landowners to plan the route of the new road. "We have to live in harmony with the badgers - after all, they've been in residence longer than us,"

said a spokeswoman.

#### No charges huge bill after over unlawful custody death

A seven-year legal battle over Police officers will not be a television documentary into charged over the death of a man in custody, despite an inquest jury's decision that he was unlawfully killed.

The Crown Prosecution Service said there was insuffi cient evidence for proceedings over the death of 37-year-old Richard O'Brien who died after being arrested in Walworth, south London, in April, 1994.

Last November the inquest jury returned an unlawful killing verdict and a transcript of the proceedings was passed to the CPS, which had previously decided against bringing any proceedings following an investigation su-pervised by the Police Complaints Authority.

#### **Barclay twins** challenge law

The secretive brothers David and Frederick Barclay yesterday launched a High Court challenge against the Broadcasting Complaints Commission after their Channel Island home was "invaded" by reporter John Sweeney, who was making the media

programme The Spin.
The twins, 61, who spent millions building a Gothic castle on the uninhabited is land, of Brecqhou lodged a protest with the commission last year, but were told nothing could be done until after the programme had been broadcast.

The pair are now seeking a judicial review of the section of the Broadcasting Act which governs the BCC's powers.Mr. Justice Sedley reserved his ruling to a later date. Charlie Bain

#### Return to Glastonbury

The Glastonbury Festival is A man under investigation by to return next year, after being cancelled this summer. with places for an extra Eavis, the Somerset farmer who runs the mammoth event, said he was planning one of the biggest "park and ride schemes" seen in this country to free-up land for

festival-goers. capacity from 80,000 to 100,000 for the festival, on 27, 28 and 29 June. The cream of Britpop, including Blur and Oasis, played at Glastonbury last year, al-though no bands have yet been lined up for 1997.

#### Banks 'failing customers'

Banks are still making an "unacceptably high" number of basic mistakes, despite efforts to improve customer service, the Consumers' Association said yesterday. Standing orders and direct fined one million yen, equiva- debits were the source of most errors, according to its

magazine, Which? Other common mistakes new cheque books and guarantee cards not sent or posted to the wrong address, unauthorised debits from accounts and statement errors.

#### Rail union set to strike

Rail services in Scotland will be affected by an overtime ban by members of the RMT union from 14 October. The decision to ask for an "indefinite" ban by conductors and ticket examiners was the latest twist to the long-running dispute over rewards for in-creased responsibility.

#### Camelot faces Oflot action

The Lottery regulator, Peter Davis, is considering taking action against Camelot for failing to install scratchcard verifying machines in shops over a number of months, an omission which he claims is costing "good causes"

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Height of fashion: Rasheed Araeen beneath his giant sculpture, To Who It May Concern, which is being constructed in front of the Serpentine Gallery in west London, for display from next Monday until 1 December. The huge, box structure uses 1,000 modules made of scaffolding that includes a maze at ground Jevel ... Photograph: Jom Pilston

# MEN THINK THEY CAN CHANGE THE WORLD.

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The role of men and women. Will it ever change? In this week's Radio Times we speak up for

IT'S NOT WHAT YOU EXPECT.

# MPs protest their innocence over cash

These are the MPs who had between £500 and £5,000 paid into their 1987 general election campaign funds by Ian Greer, the

parliamentary lobbyist in the "cash-for-questions" case. Yesterday they gave their reasons for accepting the money.

Sir Gerry Vaughan (C) Reading East: "Those sorts of contributions go straight to a fighting fund and are handled by my agent. I was not even aware that it came from Mr Greer. It never crossed my mind that he might expect any-

Sir Neil Thorne (C) Uford South until 1992. "During my five general elections I must have had to raise about £40,000 to cover my legal election ex-penses and I just do not know who has contributed to that. I had no idea at all that it came from Ian Greer, certainly no idea that it had come from someone else, particularly Mr

Ken Warren (C) Hastings and Rye until 1992: "I assumed it was based on our acquaintanceship over a period of 30 years. I have never worked for his company at any time or any of his associates. I'm very an-

David Shaw (C) Dover: "It was not really what one regards as significant, and certainly I had done nothing for him in Par-liament. I had attended, I think, a drinks party of his at some

Members give their side of the story over lobbyist's money. Report by JoJo Moyes and Ian Burrell

Sir Malcolm Thornton (C) Crosby, chairman of the Education Select Committee: "We

don't quiz individual contribu-tions, we just say 'thank you'."

Sir Andrew Bowden (C)



Brighton Kemptown: "I accepted it as a donation as I would from any businessman..."

Scottish Tory chairman Sir Michael Hirst: Assumed it was a gesture of support for the Tory party in a marginal seat. "I don't feel remotely compromised. I am a totally innocent by-

Former Tory whip Michael

any money personally. No favours have ever been asked, and there would have been a very robust rebuttal if they had tried." Doug Hoyle, chairman of the

Parliamentary Labour Party. said: "Nothing was paid directly to me. I didn't ask for the donation. Nothing has been given in return for the donation."

pes: "I introduced a company, US Tobacco, to Ian Greer, who

paid me an introduction fee. I

did not declare because I did not

Robert Atkins (C) South Ribble: unavailable for comment.

Gerry Bowden, former MP for Dulwich: "Greer made a con-

tribution among hundreds of others to the fighting fund ... He was personally interested in get-ting a Tory government elected."

Shadow health secretary Chris

Smith: "I have never received

Alan Beith (LD) Berwick-upon-Tweed: "My local association received a donation to the general election appeal from Ian Greer, or his company, in 1987." No contact since.

Sir David Trippier (C) Rossendale and Darwen, Minister for Small Businesses until 1987: "Money came in from lan

# Greer smoothed path for DHL

CHRIS BLACKHURST

Dave Allen, who gave £11,000 to Ian Greer to pass on to the fighting funds of MPs, has made a fortune from his large shareholding in DHL, the express courier business.

His firm is Mr Greer's oldest client and has been one of the most lucrative accounts for the controversial lobbyist. Mr Greer organised Parlia-

mentary lunches on DHL's behalf and introduced the company to senior politicians. This was part of a drive by Mr Allen to raise DHL's profile in

dustry. Mr Greer also ensured the company was up to speed on sale of Parcelforce from the Post Office was a major lobbying issue, with DHL keen to ensure it did not go to a rival. One of its wheezes was to take

a stand at the party conferences and within minutes of a key speaker sitting down, make their text available to delegates. This year at the Labour couference, while controversy about Mr Greer raged around Black-pool: his client had its usual place in the exhibition hall.

the background, eschewing all personal publicity. Well-known thought to be a strong supporter, although DHL was at pains to stress yesterday that the firm is politically neutral. His firm said it "enjoys ex-

cellent relations with all three main political parties and it does not make any donations to any fighting funds. DHL (UK) is an apolitical company and works to build understanding of our business within the po-litical framework existing with-



sources ... If The Independent

had sent me money I would

Michael Portillo, (C) Enfield

Defence Secretary: Declined

Baroness Challer, Minister for

Overseas Development: "She

will not be commenting until she

Lord Tebbit, former Tory par-ty chairman: Unavailable for

Sir Anthony Durrant (C) Read-

ing West; "Assumed he had sent it out of friendship; that it was

a generous offer and had noth-

ing to do with anything else."

The office of Gerry Malone (C) Winchester: "Nothing further to add to what is in the paper."

Nirj Deva (C) Breatford: "The

money comes into the association

and the candidate never knows

from. I suppose Greer was try-ing to be seen as a good fellow."

The agent for David Mellor (C)

Putney: "It was from Mr Greer

as a constituent in Putney and

was received in all good faith."

Norman Lamont (C) Kingston-

upon-Thames: "I think it is a

row about nothing. Mr Greer is

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# Allwood loses five remaining babies

**GLENDA COOPER** 

Mandy Allwood, the woman who became pregnant with oc-tuplets after taking fertility drugs, yesterday finally lost all the babies she was expecting.

Earlier, doctors had warned that it would take a "miracle" for any of the foetuses to survive after she began miscarrying on Monday night.

ment, King's College Hospital, ethics of fertility treatment and

London, said: "We regret to announce that Mandy Allwood in her decision to try to carry all has now lost her four remaining the role that the tabloid played in her decision to try to carry all eight babies to full term. ing babies." She had miscarried three foctuses on Monday and had lost another baby earlier

yesterday. Ms Allwood's case first came to light in August after she ap-proached the publicist Max ve after she began miscarryig on Monday night.

In a stark handwritten state
Clifford, who sold her story to
the News of the World, sparking
a heated debate about both the

She had become pregnant

with octuplets after being prescribed fertility drugs, apparently without the knowledge of her partner, Paul Hudson.

Medical experts advised her strongly against continuing the pregnancy with all eight foc-tures, saying the chances of all the babies being born alive and well were virtually non-exis-

tent. They added that risks to the health of the mother in multiple births were also high. But Ms Allwood decided to

go against their advice to se-lectively terminate up to six foctuses and, in a deal reputedly worth £350,000, appeared on the front page of the Sunday tabloid declaring "I'm going to have all my eight babies".

Pro-life groups applauded her decision as she said: "I won't choose which ones should

live and which ones should die. and arged the News of the World I know that some people will call us irresponsible, but there are risks either way"

Even after losing the first three of her babies, she insisted she had no regrets about trying to carry all eight foetuses to

But her gynaecologist, Pro-fessor Kypros Nicolaides, had warned in August that the intense media interest could endanger Ms Allwood's health,

to withdraw from its contract. It was said that the paper had negotiated a "sliding scale"

deal with the couple, offering more money if Ms Allwood gave birth to a larger number of babies. Fears that this may have influenced Ms Allwood's decision to go ahead with the highrisk pregnancy were increas-

ingly voiced. But Phil Hall, editor of the News of the World said it was

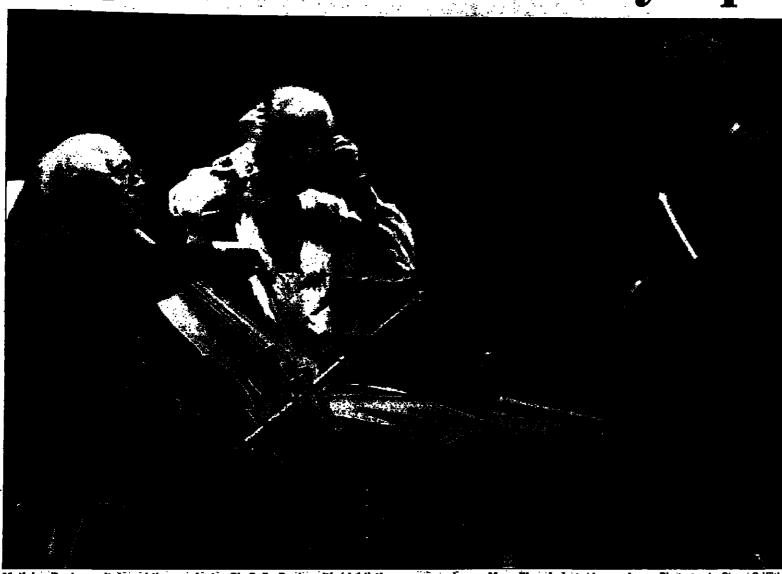
that, and that Ms Allwood had made her decision to let nature take its course. He said the money offered to Ms Allwood was "nothing like what had been quoted", and told the BBC earlier this week that if she did lose all her babies, the deal was not necessarily off.

"and if as a result of losing her eight babies, she needs some

"completely ridiculous" to say medical care or she wants to go away for a couple of week's holiday then, certainly, we might be prepared to talk to her about that. But there's no sort of situation where's she's going to make a lot of money.

The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children said the loss of the babies was a sad "The deal with her is that we but "healthier" outcome for discuss as we go along," he said, both Mandy Allwood and swibut "healthier" outcome for ety than it selective termination had been agreed.

# A prize tuned to new symphonies



Malcolm Hayes, composer and critic, wonders whether the competition can overcome audience prejudice

# Unbearable madness of modernity

When exactly did modern music start turning audiences off? For many would-be listeners today, the music written in turn-of-the-century Vienna, and especially the early works of those serial revolutionaries Schoenberg, Webern and Berg, marks the point at which classical composers started sound-

ing seriously "modern", ie mad. However convincingly Sir Simon Rattle may seek to justify classical music's move to modernism in his Sunday evening Channel 4 series, Leaving Home, there seems little doubt that, in leaving behind the comfortable home" of tonality, many of this century's major composers have left most of their potential audience behind as well.

But all may not be lost. Another landmark of musical modernism was the first performance of Stravinsky's ballet The Rite of Spring in Paris in most famous riot in musical his-



tory. Yet, eight decades later, managers of London's orchestras will tell you that The Rite is one of the handful of 20th-

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century masterpieces that will fill a concert hall. The very same work whose primitivist violence so outraged its first audience has now be-

come a crowd-pulling classic. That said, much other music composed this century (not least the 12-tone scores of gar's First Symphony, for ex-Arnold Schoenberg and his ample, was played over 100

school) still meets with stiff resistance even from dedicated

Not that style wars are the only way of deciding which works enter the repensive and which don't. Elgar's music is cherished by its admirers (and Last Night Prommers) as quin-tessentially English, ie tonal, tra-ditional and reassuring. Within a year of its 1908 premiere, Eltimes in England and abroad ne the First World War, and Elgar has been virtually un-

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played in Germany ever since. By contrast, Mahler, whose works are now among the surest of symphonic crowd-pleasers, was largely excluded from this country's concert halls until less than 30 years ago.

Given these bizarre and ambiguous messages from 20thcentury musical history, can a

newly created composition prize change anything? Enter John McLaren, a di-

rector of Deutsche Morgan Grenfell and former diplomat, whose passion for music in general is matched by a concern about widespread audience unease with 20th-century music in particular. The result is Masterprize, a competition to whet the appetite of every composer on the planet.

But will it make any difference? John Casken, the Yorkshire-born composer who was also chairman of the jury of the composing competition for the BBC's Young Musicians 96 said: "What matters about competitions is what comes after. The four winning composers in Young Musicians have all been commissioned to write some-thing else for performance by the BBC. The razzmatazz of competitions may be exciting. but you really need this element of further development.

"In that respect, the idea of giving plenty of exposure to all the short-listed works in Masterprize is a good one. It really will draw attention to what composers are trying to do in an increasingly difficult and in many ways hostile world."
Would he hazard a guess as

to how many might enter? "With a £25,000 prize, it'll be interesting to see if there's any-

DAVID LISTER arts news editor

A £25,000 prize to encourage contemporary composers to create new works for symphony orchestras was launched in London yesterday. The patron petition entitled Masterprize is the world renowned cellist and conductor Mstislav Rostropovich.

The competition is the brain-child of John McLaren, an investment hanker, writer and music lover, who became "distressed" over a long period at the "rift" that was evident between modern composers, orprogrammes, broadcasters and audiences. He has gathered partners including BBC Radio3, EMI record company, the London Symphony Orchestra and BBC

Music Magazine . Fifteen short-listed works will be broadcast on Radio3; the six finalist pieces will be per-formed by the LSO and distributed as a CD with BBC Music Magazine, guaranteeing a world-wide circulation of some 200,000. And EMI has promised to release the winning composition.

It has not yet been decided who will be on the final judging panel; but the LSO will certainly be represented, and the winner will be selected through equal vote by the public (voting after they hear the CD and the radio broadcasts) and the celebrity jury. It is hoped to run the contest every two years, with the help of commercial sponsorship, though at present only the firs contest is guaranteed.

Mstislav Rostropovich has performed 104 new compositions and conducted 56 in his career. Speaking at the launch in London yesterday, he said: "I am sure we have a new Britten, a new Messaien, a new Bernstein, but we don't know who these people are. I rejoice in this brilliant concept. I am particularly delighted that composers all over the world of every age can use their creative powers, knowing that their work will be recorded and go into the reper-

Mr McLaren, the chairman of Masterprize, added: "Right now too little music is winning enough hearts and minds to secure an assured place in the world repertoire. Masterprize creates a uniquely powerful channel for composers to win over large numbers of music lovers, and make them want to hear their music again and

composer at the launch was 28 year old Roxanna Panvenik, London based composer of chamber music, ballet and opera. She said that although she had many commissions she had not had a commercial recording. "Many of my composer friends feel ignored, but good work is being composed. Goretski is very spiritual. In the concess is very spiritual. In the nineties audiences want this spiritual feeling in music and there are many contemporary composers who can supply that."

■Composers wishing to enter should write to: Masterprize, PO Box 12713, London, NW6



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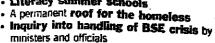
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Pensions: Former minister denies 'rocking the boat' after party manouvres save Blair from defeat



#### QUOTES OF THE DAY

"Now it seems you can even buy politicians at Harrods." Gordon Brown

"Emnity is an old fashioned luxury we can no longer afford." Baroness Castle

"And do you know conference, John said yesterday...er, Tony said yesterday...." Mary Turner, representing the NEC

"We make promises that we can keep and we don't make promises we can't keep, and you know who taught me that lesson-Barbara Castle," Harriet Harman

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**COLIN BROWN** 

Castle's

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cry raises

The fiery former Cabinet minister Baroness Castle brought the Labour Party conference in Blackpool to its feet with a vintage fighting call for pensions to be linked to rises in earnings under a Labour Government.

Chief Political Correspondent

The Labour leadership was privately rejoicing after a "comfortable" win in the card vote. The result is to be announced this morning but it was a foregone conclusion after the powrful Transport and General Workers Union swung behind Harriet Harman, the Shadow Social Security Secretary.

The stand by Lady Castle, 86, was the only serious challenge to Tony Blair's leadership in a week in which the party has shown an unprecedented will to win the next election. Lady Castle dismissed allegations that she was "rocking the boat" by challenging the leadership's docu-Security in Retirement. "I believe that good debate

only strengthens democracy, not weakens it," said Lady Castle. Looking frail, and occassionally showing a lapse of memory by describing the Labour leadership as "the goverument", she showed that she had lost none of her fire. She said by raising the issue, she had put pensions at the centre of the political agenda, and scolded Tony Blair, who was on the platform, for failing to include pensions in his five priorities for action in Government.

Lady Castle was given a standing ovation eclipsing the support for Ms Harman, who has won through against one of the most difficult weeks in her career following criticism of her choice of a grammar school

for her son. She was forced to concede the case for a comnission to review pensions policy after the election. And Ms Harman made it clear that the review will include the policy document on which Labour intend to fight the election. Ms Harman told the conference: "We will discuss everything."

The former Employment Secretary, who crossed swords with Cabinet colleagues when she in office over her plans for union reform. In Place of Strife. demanded Labour should withdraw its pensions document to fight on a "level playing field". The Labour leadership re-

fused to make that concess but by committing itself to "discuss everything" left open the option of changing the policy on pensions after the election - a move that the Tories may try to exploit in the election campaign. Peter Lilley, the Social Security Secretary, said the dehate showed Labour was still the "tax and spend" party, and he accused Ms Harman of trying to buy off a rebellion by clear promises to move towards higher spending on Serps and earnings-linked basic pension."



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Day trippers: Two pensioners, on a visit from Leeds, take a rest by the Blackpool shore

# Old battles echo in last-ditch win

BARRIE CLEMENT and JOHN RENTOUL

It was portrayed as a victory of New Labour over its older. grubbier version. And it was. Yet there was much more to Mr Blair's victory on the pensions issue than that.

There was, for instance, the traditional Labour confrontations on licensed premises, the arm-twisting on the fringes of the conference in the dog-eared Gothic splendour of the Winter Gardens at Blackpool. Such backstage manoeuving finally delivered Tony Blair from his first defeat of the week.

A secretive meeting between Gordon Brown, the shadow chancellor, and 100 constituency delegates yesterday lunchtime gave a critical impetus to the tide in favour of the platform, an attempt to persuade the representatives of

Poplar and Canning Town constituency to shelve their motion in favour of tying pensions to av-erage earnings having failed. Behind the scenes there was

an echo of a seismic political battle fought almost three decades ago between Barbara Castle, then secretary of state for employment, and Jack Jones, general secretary of the Transport and General Workers Union which at the time was one of the most powerful insti-

tutions in the land. Yesterday Baroness Castle insisted that Labour should commit itself to a link between pensions and earnings, while Mr Jones who adopted a similar stance struck a deal. In her days as a cabinet minister Baroness Castle author of a White Paper, In Place of Strife, which set out ways in which industrial action

might be avoided. While the Employment Sec-

same side, there were deep divisions between the "two wings" of the Labour movement, the political arm of which happened to be in government. Mr Jones and his powerful legions

the document and Baroness Castle tried to drive it through. Mr Jones elicited support from his allies in the cabinet and he prevailed. Effectively the White Paper was torn up and a "solemn and binding" but in-formal agreement substituted.

Yesterday the old union negotiator once more proved more effective than his parliamentary adversary. It was the victory of negotiator over podi-

of blue-collar workers opposed

Lady Castle continued to insist on her fundamentalist line, while Mr Jones president, of the National Pensioners' Conven-

retary and the leader of the tion, was prepared to settle for TGWU were ostensibly on the something less.

Mr Jones elicited from the Labour leadership a commitment that a review of pensions would appear in the manifesto. He decided that such an accommodation would be far more effective than a successful resolution which would be ignored by the Labour leadership. Both the Transport and General Workers' Union and Unison accepted the argument - the former voting against Lady Castle's favoured motion and the latter abstaining.

The decisions of these two delegations deprived Lady Castle of nearly 20 per cent of the conference vote. Despite several fraught meetings the GMB general union voted against the platform.

Mr Blair's victory was an exercise in practical politics rather than fundamental conviction.

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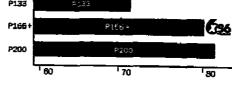
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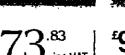
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# Babs' dazzle casts shadow on Harriet

Star quality isn't everything. Andrew Smith, the new Labour transport spokesman is a nice (if unremarkable man), and in appearance almost the composite New Labour politician. If you put his picture up in police sta-tions all over Britain, just one look at the mug shot would tell you that his crime was Indecent

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Earnestness in a public place. Mr Smith suffered an additional major disadvantage when delivering his apathetically received oration here in Blackpool. This was the fact that he cannot speak for toffee. Using a copy of his speech, I actually tried to speak his text as he had done. But, try as I might, little inflections kept creeping into my voice, variations of tone and

Education Correspondent

Parents could be presented

with contracts asking them to

send their offspring to summer classes if the children fall behind

in reading and writing, Labour's

education spokesman said

David Blunkett announced

the extra classes at the Black-

pool conference along with

plans for 100,000 "Millennium

Volunteers" to be signed up for

community work by 2000.

The idea of sending chil-

dren to extra lessons if they do

by 11 drew criticism from edu-

said teachers should have spot-

ted any problems long before

that, and that the classes would

be seen by less able children as

home-school contracts, when

their children started school, set-

ting out the targets and giving

details of the requirement to at-

tend extra classes if necessary.

group would be aged 11, a

place would be available for

each one who did not meet the

expected standard of literacy.

Mr Blunkett said that every

child who fell a year behind

would spend three weeks at spe-

cial classes before starting sec-ondary school. Details will be

drawn up by Labour's literacy

task force, appointed earlier this

year and headed by Professor

Michael Barber of the Institute

By 2004, when the 1998

A Labour government would

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DAVID AARONOVITCH

pitch stole up on me. I gave up. But it is Mr Smith, not I, who will be a cabinet minister in 10 months' time.

Still, it seemed like a malign fate which pitched Labour's favourite daughter against one of its least loved. Had it not been for the recent Shadow Cabinet reshuffle it would have

Mr Blunkett said Labour

wanted to foster the talents of

all children. "We will make it.

possible for every child to learn

chair of the Campaign for State

Education, said she was opposed

to home-school contracts. "Pro-

viding an opportunity for chil-dren is very different from saying

people must do something," she

said. "This will alienate the vast

majority of parents who want to

support their schools."
Mr Bhinkett's plans to recruit
Millennium Volunteers were

welcomed, though. Under the

would be paid to spend six

months helping the elderly,

working with the homeless, or

Mr Blunkett also received

support from Alan Howarth, the

former Tory MP for Stratford-

upon-Avon who defected to

deeply angered by cuts which had led to the loss of 230 teach-

poll has revealed. The poll,

carried out for the Association

of Colleges and the Association

for College Management,

found that only 11 per cent of

people strongly supported the policy, while 20 per cent tend-

per cent backed the Liberal

penny on income tax to pay for

ers' jobs in his constituency.

on environmental projects,

However, Margaret Tulloch,

the basics," he said.

Education: Blunkett announces plans for extra classes and voluntary service

chapter for

slow learners

not meet set targets in literacy scheme, all people aged 18-25

introduce summer schools in Labour a year ago. In his first pilot form by 1998. All parents speech to the party's conference, would be expected to sign Mr Howarth said he had been

New summer

been Chris Smith who took up here of bygone glittering, glam-the scented gauntlet over pen-orous years about her; the Zsa Barbara Castle. But he swapped places with Harriet Harman nd a little bit of theatrical his-or glory. Miss Gabor famously did it by kicking a member of From the moment that Babs the LAPD in the goolies; Barand a little bit of theatrical his-

made her entrance into the bara was doing much the same hall to a round of applause you thing to Harriet. Preceding her were aware of her star qualities. Cameras and television producers surrounded her like squabbling impresarios; was she available for a starring role in their next great production

Something Happens At Labour

Conference?

And then Barbara was called and it all changed.

It was a speech from the pre-She adored it, and was attired

television age, not in the sense for the occasion. With her big hair, alarmingly red lips and that it was more honest, but that it was so responsive to a live audience. As she urged upon scarlet jacket, she exnded the al-

Zsa Gabor of politics. And like

Zsa Zsa, Barbara was deter-

mined to go out in one last blaze

was one of those odd debates

where everybody said exactly

the same thing, but then rec-

ommended that delegates vote

in completely different ways.

Labour the sort of massive spending commitment which would surely lose it the next election, she did it with barbed wit at the expense of a smilingly furious platform. "I hope you're adding time for all the applause", she told the Chair. And was applauded again.

When she finished, the standing ovation was so prolonged and enthusiastic that those who she had just dumped on (Tony, Gordan and Harriet) stood and applauded too, as if to say, "isn't she wonderful?"

If this was the Oscars ceremony, they were mentally wishing upon her the Lifetime Achievement Award, but looked deeply afraid that she would land Best Actress.

Harriet herself was certainly not Demi to Babs' Zsa Zsa. Take her clothes. In a red jacket marked with black-lined squares, she looked as though she had been built brick by brick out of Lego.

And her face, as ever, suggested the pretty primness of those female librarians who always used to catch me out when I was looking up rude words in the medical section. But, my God, she is brave (something brazen), and the speech she made was precision engineered to touch popular nerves, while reminding romantic delegates of the traditional price paid by Labour for romance. Later today we will find out how successfully.



# How to read a literacy school

JUDITH JUDD Education Editor

■ Labour's plans for a windfall Experience in other countries suggests that Labour's propostax on privatised industries to pay for training, underlined als for literacy summer schools yesterday by Mr Blunkett, are will need to be carefully craftnot favoured by voters, a MORI

Summer schools for slow readers have been tried in some American cities, such as Chicabut with limited success. go, but with which when the scheme is voluntary, take-up is often low. When it is compulsory, it is very little

ed to support it. In contrast, 68 Democrats' plan for an extra. Analysis

Sign up: David Blunkett, Labour's education spokesman, is helped to the stand yesterday

sulted in increasing drop-out rates and truancy in the first year of high school.

ondary school chose to take part

in an accelerated learning programme during their summer

In Britain, Labour-controlled Birmingham ran a literacy sumed if they are not to backfire. mer school this summer as part of its University of the First Age. The university is for pupils aged 11-14 who want to pursue a subject in more depth but this summer it included a week-long course aimed at improving reading and writing. A total of 25 pupils in first year at sec-

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Schemes which have tried to make admission to high school conditional on summer school attendance appear to have re-

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holidays. The course took a non-traditional approach to teaching reading including music. movement and games. Course organisers met all the pupils'

milies before it started. Professor Tim Brighouse, Birmingham's chief education officer, said: "I think Labour has picked the right focus. This is a key issue. Probably when they look at the detail it will be seen that a voluntary scheme is better than a compulsory one. "We have international experience that shows that com-

productive. Professor Michael Barber, chair of Labour's literacy task force, said that if a Labour government were elected next year he expected pilot summer schools to be run in 1998 followed by a national scheme in 1999. There would be three adults, including one trained teacher, with each group of 20

Professor Barber said his group was developing a longterm strategy to improve literacy. "Summer schools are a way of doing something urgently. They would need to be fun as well as offering an intensive literacy course. We don't pretend they would solve the literacy

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# INGREDIENTS: For this you need assorted civilians and a vicious government crackdown. ETHOD: Rip out fingernails. Cat off ears. Slash faces across the eyes. Partially skin alive. Cut throats. This happened in a central Asian republic

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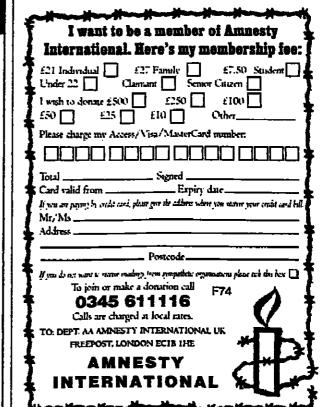
The case - and many others - is mentioned in our report on torture, called 'A Glimpse of Hell'. Amnesty International has been reporting such pain and suffering for thirty five

During that time our members round the world have also done a great deal to stop the abuses.

When you hear about things, like this, you want to know what you can do to

stop it happening again. May we humbly suggest that joining Amnesty

International, or donating to our campaigning funds, could constitute the first step?



#### of Education, in London. extra spending on education. National volunteer back in fashion

FRAN ABRAMS

If Dr Alec Dickson were alive today, he would probably be hosting a small celebration this morning to mark the news that Labour plans to recruit an army of "Millennium Volunteers"

The idea, first proposed by the founder of the Community Service Volunteers charity in 1962, has now won support from all three main political parties as well as from Prince Charles. Like the platform shoe and

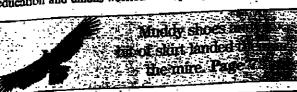
the flared trouser, the national volunteer scheme has drifted in and out of fashion over the past few decades, but its day finally seems to have come.

There were times when Dr Dickson must have felt that his long campaign was nearly over. In the mid-Seventies, the Manpower Services Commission agreed to fund a limited scheme under the Youth Opportunities programme. But youth organisations viewed the programme as a diversion from fraining and

that it might take jobs from their members, and it was not

developed. A decade later, a young man called Daniel Finklestein took up the call. As leader of the SDP's youth movement he per-

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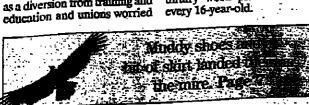
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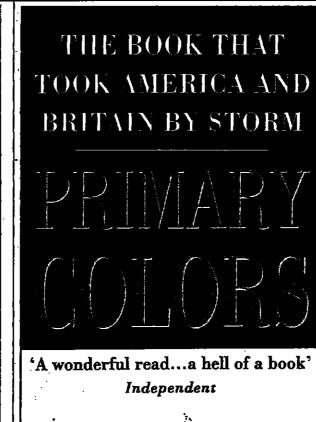
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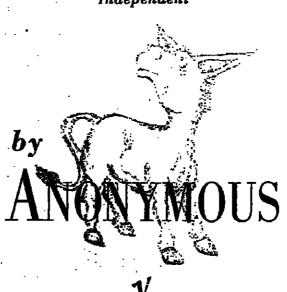
ans, published a report calling for the Home Office to set up a network of volunteer projects with payment at the same rate as the Youth Training Scheme. Five years later Dr Owen called for a Royal Commission to run the scheme, but there was still no response from the



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# Fertility ban on widow 'is cruel and unnatural'

PATRICIA WYNN DAVIES Legal Affairs Correspondent

Banning a young widow from bearing a child using her dead husband's sperm would be "cruel and unnatural", a leading fertility expert said yesterday as the woman launched a court battle against the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority. Lord Lester QC, counsel for

the woman who is known for legal reasons as DB, read out a statement from Lord Winston, professor of fertility studies at London University, saying that there was "ample justification" for inseminating Mrs B with the sperm and allowing it would be the humane course.

Lord Winston, consultant in obstetrics and gynaecology at Hammersmith Hospital, said that the husband's sperm was "alive and in storage. Until dis-posed of she will, in effect, be in limbo. To destroy it without good reason would be undeniably wanton". Sperm that cannot lawfully be used within five

years must be destroyed.

Lord Lester told Sir Stephen Brown, President of the High Court Family Division, in a juicial review that the authority approach" in insisting that the

artificial insemination of Mrs B could not go ahead because her husband had not signed a formai written consent.

In another written statement read out to the court, Baroness Warnock, who chaired the committee of inquiry which led to the establishment of the authority, said it was recognised that written agreement might not always be possible. In this case it seemed that the husband's wishes were known. "I feel certain we would have seen no ethical or public policy objections to allowing the woman

to become pregnant," she said. It also emerged in yesterday's court case that Mrs B, 30, was not told of the significance of getting written consent at the time she asked for sperm to be taken from her unconscious busband in March last year, "The irony is that if she had been fully informed at the time, she might have sought to be inseminated before her husband's life support

was turned off," Mr Lester said. Mr B was in a coma on a lifesupport machine in the Royal llamshire Hospital, Sheffield, after contracting bacterial meningitis. Mrs B knew her dicial review that the authority husband would have approved had taken an "unduly narrow of insemination because he had specifically discussed it after

reading a newspaper article about another couple. "This is not a case about disregarding the wishes of the deceased husband," Lord Lester said. "It is a case about advances in medical science being able to help his

widow to have the child which

they both so much wanted."

Lord Lester said the couple married in 1991 after a nine-year courtship and had expressly requested the traditional 1622 Anglican form of service which places a greater emphasis on procreation. When they began trying to conceive, they had al-tered the furniture in their home and chosen a name for a daughter. At the point that the husband fell ill, four days before he died, the couple mistakenly

believed Mrs B was pregnant. Lord Lester said the couple should be viewed as having treat-ment "together", which does not require written consent under the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act. If there was any ambiguity, Parliament had to sumed not to have intended to breach the European Convention on Human Rights. A ban on Mrs B using the sperm would breach the fundamental right to found a family within marriage under article 12, he said Animal rights protesters get down to bare essentials



tecting her modesty, looks away from a lone security guard as she interrupts preparations for the Horse of the Year Show at Wembley Arena in London yesterday, writes Jojo Moyes

The woman was there with members of the animal welfare group People for the Ethical Treat-ment of Animals (Peta), who were protesting against the use of the hormone-replacement drug

80,000 pregnant mares are kept in "cruel urine

# Fridge parks to take BSE carcass backlog

JAMES CUSICK

Vast parks, including disused airfields, filled with up to 1,000 refrigerated lonry containers, are being planned by the government to tackle the cattle-cull crisis which is affecting the timetable to eradicate BSE.

Roger Freeman, the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lan-caster, revealed yesterday that the backlog of culled cows was substantially larger than had been anticipated". The problem has left rendering plants unable to keep up with the cull.

The plants' machinery, which reduces carcasses to tallow and bone meal, has in some cases broken down as capacity has increased. Plans to increase the number of plants have often run into planning regulation buffers.

Since the onset of the beef crisis in March, with the announcement in Parliament of the potential link between BSE and the human form of the disease, CJD, the Government has undertaken a slaughter programme of all cattle over 30 months old with the aim of removing BSE from the food chain. The number of culled cat-tle has passed the half-million mark with the industry killing 33 000 cattle each week. This is on top of the 50,000 "clean" cattle killed each week for the UK's internal beef market.

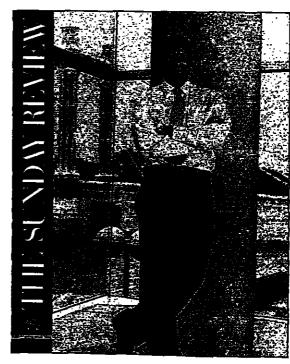
At a series of meetings with the rendering mix would allow more of each carcass to be stored, and the slaughter rate would be increased from 33,000 per week to 55,000 per week. Mr Freeman told the farm-

ers that to cope with the need for storage facilities he was increasing the use of refrigerated containers. A spokeswoman for the Intervention Board. which is organising the cull, said the board had "confirmed that

specialist ships were also being looked at".

The Federation of Fresh Meat Wholesalers said yesterday that their early warnings to the Government now appeared to be justified. Peter Scott, the general secretary of the federation, said: "It has been dawning on ministers that just because you want numbers to be true, doesn't mean they will be." He added: "Killing cattle is not a problem. Rendering is." farmers in Devon yesterday Mr The carcass backlog in the to be as high as 400,000.

"We understand that cold storage capacity in the UK is now running out," said Mr Scott. "The public see cattle as something akin to the Black Death. [So] many firms who use cold storage do not wish to see their produce stored alongside culled carcasses, hence, even where there is free capacity, the Intervention Board ... are being turned away."



Sir Norman Foster, designer of tall towers and darling of the avantgarde, is the architect the tabloids most love to hate. In an exclusive interview with Jonathan Glancey, he gets a chance to answer back

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# Author invites world to rewrite book by e-mail

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be published and then repub-lished a year later after readers all over the world e-mail the author with their opinions.

The novel scheme was explained to international publishers attending the Frankfurt Book Fair at a dinner arranged last night by Andrew Wylie, the literary agent nicknamed "the Jackal" on account of his penchant for luring top-selling au-thors such as Salman Rushdie and Ben Okri from rivals.

Esther Dyson, the as yet unknown author in question, gave the assembed 125 representatives from 20 different counties a taste of her first book.

Release 20: Second Thoughts About The Digital Age will be written and published by next October. It will be published simultaneously in 20 languages and each book will contain the web site address. Seven months later, after the book has been kicked around the place like a piece of software" by Internet users around the world, it will

be rewritten, ready to be re-published in June 1998. Amis an estimated £1.5 million for his novel, *The Information*),

Release 2.1 will be a new For the first time, a book is to book, based on Release 2.0 but different," said Mr Wylie yes-terday. "It's very like releasing a novel and people saying, "Mr Amis, I don't like the way you presented these characters. I want you to grow this one and turn this one grey. Just as a soft-ware company revises its prod-ucts to provide software users with a better product, so she [Ms Dyson] will revise the book. My God, we're going to provide reader satisfaction."

Ms Dyson, 45, and described by the New York Times as "the most powerful woman in the Net-erati", could become the latest publishing sensation. Sources close to Mr Wylie expect worldwide advances out-side the United States to total more than £1 million, a figure on a par with amounts secured for non-fiction books such as The Road Ahead by Bill Gates, the founder of Microsoft Corporation. The prospect is not unimaginable bearing in mind Mr Wylie's previous publishing feats (he recently made Martin

but it remains to be seen if he can reap in the same sort of sum for an unknown writer.

Ms Dyson's 70,000-word book will be in the form of an extended essay and will explain the implications of the Internet Ms Dyson has her own compa-ny in the States called EDventure, through which she publishes Release 1.0, the computer industry's leading chron-icle of analysis and insight. US rights to the book were

bought a couple of weeks ago by American publisher, Broad-way, for an undisclosed sum. The auction for the book will open at 8.55 am today.



Million pound atlas: Sotheby's is to sell a group of early maps more than 400 years after their creator, designed the first realistic map of the world. Mercator's work became the lynchpin of navigation

BT cut 10% off national daytime calls.

# Car-park drama at Glyndebourne

Glyndebourne opera house has been given six months to dig up a car park which it laid without planning permission in an area

of outstanding natural beauty. The car park was built so that opera lovers could enter the theatre, near Lewes, East Sussex, without getting mud on their shoes or on skirt hems.

But Lewes council says the new blot on the landscape ruins a site which has been designated an area of Outstanding Natural Beauty - and the work was carried out without planning.

The council wrote a letter to Sir George Christie, the chair-man of Glyndebourne, saying that the planning committee's decision to start enforcement action was unanimous. Councillors made their decision after being shown a video of how the car park mins the view from the Sussex Downs.

Councillor Vic Tomkinson, chair of Lewes Council's northern area planning committee, said after the meeting: "When they covered the field over, the reason they gave was that the season was approaching and

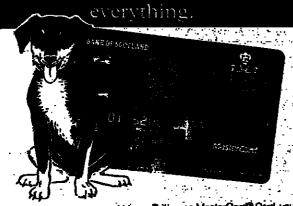
they needed a car park.
"They needed planning permission for what they have done. It is an absolutely abominable stretch of tarmac which goes across the hillside ... They do seem to have a cavalier at-

tions," he said.
"With the opera they are doing something admired around the world ... If they had co-operated with us we could have got something which looked better than this."

A spokesman for Glyndebourne said: "We don't feel we are able to comment until we receive official notification from the council."



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Stand-in: One of 42 life-size statues commissioned by the Oxford Stage Company for its production of Hamlet at the Lawrence Bailey Theatre, in Wakefield, the company's new northern base. Called "chubbles", they will represent Hamlet's ancestors on stage Photograph: John Angerson/Guzelian

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# hit by drain of doctors to NHS

Medical Editor

One in 10 professorial chairs in British medical schools are vacant and scores of other teaching posts are unfilled because universities can no longer afford to match NHS salaries for doc-

Dr Sandy Macara, chairman of the British Medical Association's Council, yesterday appealed to the Prime Minister to intervene in the "unprecedented crisis" facing medical education.

Clinical academics - doctors who spend half their time on research and teaching, and half in hospitals - account for 10 per cent of the NHS medical workBritish Medical Association meeting in Istanbul

force. They have traditionally been paid the same as their fullime NHS colleagues. A senior hospital consultant earns a basic salary of between £43,000 and £52,000 per annum.

However, funding per student has declined by almost a third since 1988 and has left universities unable to pay clinical academics the same as their hospital colleagues, the British Medical Association annual clinical meeting was told.

The pay rise to university staff in 1996 was 1.5 per cent, compared with around 3.8 per cent for NHS consultants and up to 5.3 per cent for more junior doctors. Some clinical academics have received their 1.5 per cent rise but many others have had nothing at all.

Negotiations over the past six years have left many clinical academics disillusioned and triggered a haemorrhage in staff from medical school departments. Dr Macara said this could only get worse. "A total of 57 chairs of clinical medicine are vacant, including some of the more prestigious appointments around the country," he and if operated on at this stage added. A department without a and the weakness in the blood professor is like "a headless vessel repaired, neurological chicken; he or she is the driving damage can be prevented.

force behind it," Dr Macara said. Posts in anatomy and physiology, for example, which were previously held by doctors. are also now going to scientists

with no clinical experience.

Death and disability from a life-threatening form of brain haemorrhage could be avoided if more GPS and hospital doctors recognise the common warning sign, it was claimed. A fifth of patients who suffer

a sub-arachnoid haemorrhage had sought medical help for a sudden, agonising headache (SAH), the classic symptom, but were not referred to hospital immediately, Dr Christof Toulis, traince neurosurgeon from Walsgrave Hospital in Coventry told the BMA conference.

When these patients were eventually admitted to hospital, their condition was worse and their prognosis poorer than for those with SAH who had been referred immediately.

A sub-arachnoid haemorrhage occurs when a weak blood vessel ruptures in the brain. It affects 10 in 100,000 people. The bleeding and resulting build-up of pressure can cause devastating brain damage, leading to physical and mental disability, or death.

Initial leakage of blood is often accompanied by an SAH which can last a day or weeks,

# 'Yuppie flu' loses medical status to chronic fatigue

SUSAN EMMETT

Chronic Fatigue Syndrome, previously labelled as the debilitating illness ME or "yuppie flu", is psychological and physcial class or occupational group.

A report yesterday by the Royal Colleges of Physicians. Psychiatrists and General Practitioners, showed that there is no doubt that CFS is a common condition affecting 1 to 2.5 per cent of the population.

The term ME has been officially derecognised by medical experts, who said it led to confusion and a wrong approach to the problem of chronic fatigue.

The name ME - myalgic encephalomyelitis - implied an inflammation of the brain or spinal cord, when there was no evidence of such a clear link. There are no social, geo-

graphical or environmental factors linking sufferers. "It isn't yuppie flu. It affects all classes," said psychiatrist Dr Simon Wessely. The previous stereotype of the upper-class professional is just that, a stereotype."

As a illness, CFS is defined by six months of severe fatigue made worse by exertion.

There are still no medical explanations for the illness, and no evidence that it is linked to common viral infections, exc the fatigue following glandular fever. While viruses might trigger CFS, experts can not prove that persistent viral infection accompanies persistent fatigue.

Findings show there are both psychological and physical ele-ments to the illness and that doctors should adopt a more holistic approach. "To try to distinguish between a physical illness and a psychological illness is not just wrong, it's meaningless," said Dr Robert Kendell, president of the Royal College

of Psychiatrists. Treatments using anti-depressant drugs generally prove unsuccessful, and the report calls instead for joint medical and psychological treatment such as cognitive behaviour therapy - a form of counselling where a patient's needs and activities are assessed and controlled by specialists.

### Driver 'hid body of Celine in his lorry'

The French hitchhiker Celine Figard was raped and strangled by a lorry driver who hid her body in his cab for 10 days, a court was told yesterday. Self-employed lorry driver

Stuart Morgan, 37, denies murdering Ms Figard between 18 December last year, the day before she disappeared, and 30 December, the day after her naked and battered body was found in woodland in Worcestershire. Mr Morgan, of Parkestone,

Dorset, sat taking notes as Mr David Farrer QC, told the jury at Worcester Crown Court of the allegations against him. Ms Figard, a 19-year-old ac-

countancy student from Ferrieres-les-Scey, eastern France, wanted to come to Britain to improve her English. In the summer of 1995 she had worked as a waitress in a Hampshire ho-

tel where her cousin, Jean Marc, was a trainee manager. Ms Figard left France for England again on 18 December.

On 19 December she was dropped at the Chieveley service area on the M4 near Newbury, Berkshire. Shortly afterwards, Mr Farrer said. Ms Figard got into a white Mercedes lorry.

Ms Figard's body was found 10 days later in woodland on the A449 at Hawford, Worcestershire. She had been raped, beaten and strangled.

The prosecution alleges that Mr Morgan killed Ms Figard and kept her body hidden behind the driving seat of his lorry over the Christmas period. Mr Morgan then drove to the lay-by and left Ms Figard's body, altering his tachograph record to conceal the trip. The trail continues today.

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# Great speech, even second time round

Watching Tony Blair's Blackpool speech speech given by Bill Clinton to the Deon the television, I was gripped by a frisson of dejà vu. Surely I had heard this speech before, at another time and another place, with another 40-something politician delivering the words? Were not many of the phrases, the structure, the metorical devices used, the whole tone, remarkably close to the acceptance

Garden, New York, in July 1992?

Indeed they were. If you compare (see below) the text of Mr Clinton's speech, with Mr Blair's the similarities are striking. Let us be clear: we are not talking plagiarism here. This is not (quite) a reversal of the wholesale pillaging of Neil

cian Joe Biden during the 1988 pres- similar that one could transpose whole idential campaign. The only phrase paragraphs without doing violence to the directly lifted is Mr Blair's "covenant with the British people", clearly modelled on the soon-to-be-President's "New Covenant" for the American people (something Mr Clinton has hardly men-

fer our people a new choice based on ty. A society of responsibility ... old values." No, that's not Blair, it's Clinton. \*Each generation doing better than

fashioned Americans for a new time. Opportunity. Responsibility. Community. Blair calls for: "A society of opportuni-

At the point of the speeches, the two men were at precisely the same point in their respective election cycles. Bill Clin-

speech given by Bill Clinton to the Democratic Convention at Madison Square Garden, New York in July 1992 was presenting himGarden, New York in July 1992

By John Lichfield tioned since). But the arguments used are so Clinton, it's Blair. Clinton offers: "Old-self as: a) the moderate, reforming enhad lost touch with its electorate and b) the real agent of change to sweep away an ineffectual conservative leader who had won the previous election by posing as a gentler version of the tooth-andclaw conservativism of the Eighties.



### Blair's mission: heritage of hope from parent to child

"When you look back on your past, you try to think of the things that shaped you. One morning I woke to be told that ... [my father] might not live through the day and my whole world feil apart. It taught me something: it taught me the value of the family, because my mother worked for three years to help him talk and walk again ...

The true radical mission of the Labour Party, new and old, is not to hold people back but to help them get on. Each generation doing better than the last. The heritage of hope from parents to their children ... Our task is to restore that hope, to build a new Age of Achievement in a new and

"Ask me my three main priorities for government, I tell you, education, education and education ... If all we have is what we own, not what we share, we are all the losers. This is my covenant with the British people, Judge me on it ...

Today I offer you, and we offer the country, a new vision. If we are to build this new Age of Achievement, you and I, and all of us together, must build first the decent so-

Tony Blair's speech to the Labour Party Conference, Blackpool, 1 October 1996: ciety to deliver it. A society in which every individual is valued, every person given a chance to develop their potential, a society in which we contribute and which contributes to us. A society of opportunity. A society not based on outdated prejudices but on the common duty of humanity and our belief that we owe an obligation to each other to improve the lives of all. A society of opportunity. A society of responsibility. History will call it the Decent Society ...

"Let us modernise government itself, so it serves the interests of the people, not big-ger government. Better government ... We will introduce a programme to reform gov-ernment ... Government for the people not government for government.

"If we unleash the potential of our people, Britain comes alive with the new energy, the new ideas and the new leadership and Britain can take on the world and win

"We will be envied throughout the world, not just because of our castles and palaces but because we gave the heritage of hope back to the generations, we turned this country around by the will of the people in unity with the party of the people and we built the Age of Achievement

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#### Clinton's covenant: new choice based on old values

Bill Clinton's acceptance speech, Democratic Convention, Madison Square Garden, New York, 16 July 1992:

"I never met my father. He was killed in a car wreck on a rainy road three months before I was born ... After that my mother had to support us ... My mother taught me. She taught me about family and hard work and sacrifice. She held steady through tragedy after tragedy ...
"Jobs. Education. Educa-

tion. These are not just commitments from my lips, they are the work of my life. Our pripeople first again ... To turn responsible ... rhetoric into reality we've got to change the way government does business, fundamentally ... There is not a programme in government for

every problem. "And if we really want to use government to help people, we've got to make it work again ... A government that is leaner not meaner; a government that expands opportunity. not bureaucracy; a government that understands that jobs must come from

growth "I call this approach a New Covenant. a solemn agreement between the people and their government, based not simply on what each of us can take, but what all of us must give our nation.

We offer our people a new choice based on old values. We offer opportunity. We demand responsibility. We will build an American community again ..

"The choice we offer is not conservative or liberal ... It is different. It is new. It will work. It will work because it is rooted in the vision and the values of the American

"What is the vision of our New Covenant? An America with millions of new jobs in dozens of new industries moving confidently into the 21st

"An America that says to entrepreneurs and business people: we will give you more incentives and opportunity than ever before ... but you must do your part. You must be "The New Covenant is also

about more than opportunities and responsibilities for you and your families. It is also about your common community ... And so we must say to every American: look beyond the stereotypes that blind-us. We need each other. All of us, we need each other. We don't

have a person to waste. In the end, my fellow Americans, this New Covenant simply asks us all to be Americans again.

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Let that be our cause, our commitment and our New Covenant ... I still believe in a place called Hopc.



#### Miss Havisham's Letter

By Julia Copus

Darling, there is nothing between us that cannot be restored. So much remains of the good times: did I tell you

how, on the eve of our day, while in my under-garments, I leaned over and felt the full weight of my breasts

in my own hands! And such pleasures have been replaced by other pleasures – a kind of wisdom: my eye knows

the very corner of my eye. and my mouth has learned to use its various muscles to full effect -

When my girl comes with food I pull a perfect scowl but I do not refuse the tasteless sops she brings:

how else shall I sustain myself! Darling, the dress outgrew me long ago. I hear it sometimes

cracking in its paper where the silkworms shift and slide. It is trying to make a life for itself. And my small night table is shaping an effig:

of you; it sags with all the candles I have burned, Pray God that you will be here soon; the furniture

is weary, my darling, of the names I am forever fingering into its dust.

Next Thursday is National Poetry Day and for the fifth year the Forward Poetry Trust publish a collection of best poems of the year to coincide with its annual prizes. Julia Copus, along with Kate Clanchy, Alice Oswald and Ian Pople, is shortlisted in the Best First Collection category for *The Shuttered Eye* (Bloodaxe). The Forwood Book of Poetry is published in association with Faber & Faber on 10 October at £6.95.



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# Unpopular Juppé wins vote of confidence

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The French Prime Minister, Alam Juppé, easily won the vote of confidence in his government, which he called yesterday when members of the majority in parliament rallied behind him.

However, in private members of the ruling Republican and UDF parties are calling for his resignation and doubts remain as to how long his government

can stay in power.

Criticism has mounted recently over the government's economic policies and the number of proposed new laws. On Monday, President Jacques Chirac admitted: "The French have doubts about everything, including our ability to face up to the task in hand." The president of the right-wing UDF party, François Léotard, asked: Will we reach the end of this parliament? I don't think so." And yesterday the Minister for National and Regional Development, Jean-Claude Gantin, did not exclude an imminent dissolution of

parliament. The mood of politicians closely echoes that of the public. A survey last week revealed that Mr Juppé was the most unpopular prime minister in recent memory. Only 31 per cent of those questioned had a good opinion of him while 61

out contemplating the conse-quences of his wilder remarks. per cent were dissatisfied. The country's discontent with Last week, his office denied government policies is once that he ever gave an interview published in the Daily Telemore being marked by strikes. graph newspaper in which he On Monday, 59 per cent of priadvocated imposing economic mary schools and 41 per cent of secondary school teachers stayed off work to protest sanctions against Germany and the United States if Nato expanded, although the report against proposed budget cuts. Some rail workers have been on appears authentic. Not long before that, he allowed himself threat of redundancies and the to be photographed brandishing a dagger, clad in a Chechen cape and hat. And before that, rail unions last week announced they would join the public sector strike which is being called he was backtracking hastily after calling Mormons "mould and scum". His opponents will for 17 October.

who are sick of sending young

But memories are short. Oth-

men to the war zone to die.

er candidates are beginning to

manoeuvre - notably the may-

or of Moscow, Yuri Luzhkov.

And Mr Lebed is accident-

prone, and tends to launch into

his deep-baritone speeches with-

be watching his rise with alarm,

but not despair. They know a

man who makes so many mis-

Dissension has been rife within Mr Juppé's own majority against the introduction of an anti-racism law and a proposal takes is by no means unbeatable. for a degree of proportional

into the voting system.

The failure of recent tax reforms to win over the public, the gaping deficit in the social security budget, and the 53 per cent rise in unemployment over the past year have all heightened calls for Mr Juppe

to go.
Yet it must be acknowledged that he has little room for economic manoeuvre owing to the constraints imposed by the con-ditions for European monetary union, which France has targeted to meet in 1998. While the French seem confident that they will meet



Juppé: Dissension in his party and the country

the deadline, President Chirac caused a mini-crisis between Paris and Rome on the eve of the two day Franco-Italian summit, due to start in Naples today, by questioning whether Italy will be able to join EMU

in 1999. Earlier this week Mr Chirac denounced the competitive devaluation of the lira as being "more harmful to the French strike since Sunday against the economy than south-east Asian

The Italian Prime Minister, Romano Prodi, felt the attack was due to the terror "caused by the dynamism of Italian industry". By yesterday morning Mr Chirac had changed tack, with an announcement that "the policy was a step in the

right direction".



Political manoeuvres: Alexander Lebed listening to Grigory Yavlinsky, leader of the liberal Yabloko movement, after speaking on Chechnya yesterday

# Lebed sizes up Yeltsin's shoes

PHIL REEVES

As Russia's parliamentarians gathered yesterday for the first day of the new term, one certainty shone brightly in the corridors of their otherwise shadowy, intrigue-ridden world: while Boris Yeltsin nurses his damaged heart in the run-up to his operation, a presidential race is already under way among those who hope to fill his shoes.

Leading the field, evidently untroubled by the fact that his boss is not only alive but should - according to his doctors make a full recovery, is Alexander Lebed, the popular exparatrooper general whom Mr Yeltsin catapulted into power less than four months ago.

"It's clear what he is up to." said Alexei Podberiozkin, a leading economic adviser to the Communists, shortly before Mr Lebed delivered a speech about Chechnya to the Duma, or lower house, to scattered heckling, "He doesn't even try to hide it himself.

"Lebed understands that to

political structure, a party. He is busy building a party. There are some rich people - new Russians and big banks - who are eager to support him."

A glance back at Mr Lebed's performance over the last two weeks is evidence enough that the general has hit the campaign trail with all the subtlety of one of the tanks he used to command. Few days pass without another addition to the growing pile of outrageous Lebedisms, causing knitted brows in the West, where governments are unsure whether his tub-thumping is merely votegetting rhetoric, or whether he actually means what he says.

This week he warned Nato that if it attempts to expand without Russian agreement it will be met by missiles; he also declared his approval of Alexander Lukashenko, the President of Belarus who wants a new constitution giving him totalitarian powers, which he would use to further his plans to reunite with Russia. Earlier, he suggested that

recovered from his heart ailment; he has characterised the Crimean port of Sevastopol as Russian, upsetting the Ukrainians; he has warned that the Russian army is on the brink of an armed uprising; he has held a high-profile press conference marking his first 100 days in

journalists, 1 October)

they're missiles all the same". (To Russ

Touring the 100 days which I have been

in my present post, I have not worked out

how decisions are made in this country."

(to press conference, 26 September)

Let there be no mistake. German and

American industrial interests in Russia will

become president you need the Mr Yeltsin should hand over struck up links with General General Pavel Grachev, the for-support of big money, or a power until he is completely Alexander Korzhakov, Mr mer defence minister, and arch-huge relief by most Russians, Yeltsin's former chief henchman who urged the President to cancel this summer's elections.

In a political sideshow that is certain to be as gripping as any that Russia's wild mainstream politics has to offer, General Korzhakov is running in Mr Lebed's former seat in the military city of office, while the President lan-guishes in bed; and he has that his likely opponent would be mies admit that the peace deal

to do with his deeds than his

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rival of Mr Lebed.

Scant though it is, the evi-

dence from polls suggests that Mr Lebed has become by far the

most popular man in the coun-

try since his appointment as Sec-

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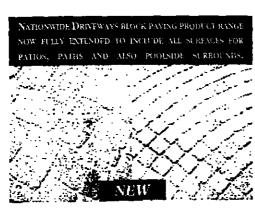
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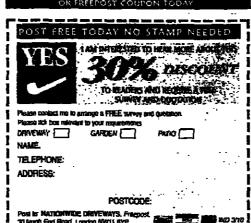
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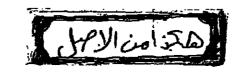
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Religious resistance: Monks pray at Sera monastery in Tibet

# Peking's poison fails to touch Tibetan hearts

Shigatse, Tibet — In the markets of Tibet, it is possible to buy a gold tooth. Displayed in glass cases, the teeth are arranged together like a Buddha's enig-matic smile. Buying a gold tooth is not for vanity but for protection. If the gold turns black in your mouth it means your companions are trying to

poison you.

Poisoning has traditionally been a way of settling scores in the high Himalayas, and those Tibetans who can afford it like to flash a little gold. Lately, it is not just the Tibetans who are worried about poisoning but the Chinese, too.

When the Chinese last November enthroned a six-year-old Tibetan boy as an alternative spiritual leader to the exiled Dalai Lama, they misread Tibetan outrage over this move. The boy, known as the Panchen Lama, is supposed to reside at

China's attempts to foist its Panchen Lama (far right) on the Buddhists have led monks to rally to the Dalai Lama's choice (right), writes **Michael Dempsey** 

in Shigatse, 120 miles west of Lhasa. But the Chinese are so worried about threats to the boy's life that in February he was moved secretly to a safe house in Peking, Tibetan activists said. Somewhere else in Peking

there is a second Panchen Lama. The Dalai Lama, from his exile home in Dharamsala. India, undertook a mystical search to find the reincarnation of the last Panchen Lama. The madly hunting for the same boy.

March 1995 announced that he had found the Panchen Lama who, like the Dalai Lama is considered by Tibetans to be a living god, the Chinese changed strategy. First they arrested the Dalai Lama's boy. Chedun Choekvi Nvima, and his parents. Then the Communists held a lottery between several candidates in which their boy was chosen. Most Tibetans think this was a fraud and revere the

Dalai Lama's choice.

Exiled Tibetan officials are vorried that the Chinese may have locked up the boy considered by most Tibetans as the true Panchen Lama in a psychiatric hospital. Only a month ago the Chinese admitted in eneva for the first time that the Dalai Lama's choice of Panchen Lama was being held with his parents in "protective custody". The Chinese said they feared the boy might be kidnapped by Tibetan "separatists". In Tashilhunpo dissent still

smoulders. Only two of the monastery's many shrines displayed portraits of the Chinese boy. One of these shrines had an 85ft gilded Buddha. Near its feet I saw a photograph of the new Panchen Lama. The monk dismissed my question with smile. "Oh, that?" he replied. "That's the Peking Panchen

In trying to foist their Panchen Lama on the Tibetans, the Chinese have only succeeded in Chinese Panchen Lama. The Chinese are afraid to bring the boy out in public, or even keep him here in Tibet. If they

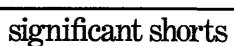
betans' hearts, it isn't working." Throughout Tibetan monasteries, thousands of Communist cadres have been at work over the past two months trying to coerce the monks and nuns to sign pledges rejecting the Dalai Lama and accepting the Chinese's Panchen Lama. In Drepung monastery, outside Lhasa, where more than 180 Communist "re-educators" are encamped, they brought their own cooks. It is thought they were wary of the monks' cuisine. In protest against these daily harangues, most of the Tibetan clergy are refusing to sign the oaths. At least 10 monks have been arrested over the past

Middle East

two weeks. Meanwhile, rumours continue to spread through Tibet's hamlets and high, cloud-swept plateaux. Even without poison. the health of the Chinese pretender is supposed to be failing. Some Tibelans also swear that the boy's parents, both Communist cadres, were struck by a erisis of conscience and have approached the Chinese leadership requesting that their son be allowed to step down. These may just be wild tales. But they illustrate how deep Tibetan resentment runs against the Chinese, who invaded this

Himalayan kingdom in 1951. Tibetan exiles suspect that the last Panchen Lama, who died suddenly in 1989 after spending a dozen years under house arrest, may have been poisoned by the Chinese. Shortly before his death, the Panchen Lama had sharply criticised the Chinese occupation of Tibet. Tibetans believe that a high lama, after death, takes on another rebirth to continue his Buddhist teachings in an unbroken line. The Panchen Lama had never

bothered with a gold tooth. For Tibetans, the Dalai Lama and the Panchen Lama are their twin spiritual poles. The door of almost every Tibetan heightening resistance to their rule. One resident of Lhasa said: "Nobody believes in the country's two spiritual leaders. The Chinese attempts to pull the Tibetans into their orbit by tampering with the Panchen thought they could replace the Dalai Lama with him in Ti-made them more enemies.



#### Kashmiri rebels offered olive branch

The National Conference Party, the largest pro-India party in Kashmir, won a sweeping majority in the first local elections in the state since a separatist revolt began in 1990, and quickly offered an olive branch to rebels. The party, led by former chief minister Farooq Abdullah, won 54 seats in the 87member assembly. Mr Abdullah, who has lambasted separatists as Pakistani agents, offered to meet leaders of the All-Parties Hurriyat (freedom) Conference, which bands separatist groups. Mr Abdullah was chief minister when the separatist rebellion erupted. More than 20,000 people have died during the revolt, most in Kashmir.

#### Nato ends blockade

Nato yesterday terminated its naval blockade in the Adriatic following the UN Security Council's decision to lift sanctions against rump Yugoslavia - Serbia and Montenegro - after the Bosnian elections were declared "free and fair". The naval blockade was suspended in June, following the lifting of the UN arms embargo, while restrictions on trade and travel were suspended last November. Yesterday, the decision to lift the sanctions completely was welcomed in Belgrade, but Russia and the US still disagree about further measures to re-admit rump Yugoslavia to the world community. US Ambassador to the UN, Madeleine Albright said Serbia-Montenegro would have to make substantial progress in Kosovo. co-operate fully with the International Tribunal in the Hague and settle other issues with neighbouring states before it could win full respectability. Christopher Bellamy

#### Suu Kyi claims 800 supporters arrested

Burmese opposition leader Aung San Suu Kyi, slipped past police barricades barring access to her home yesterday and told reporters that 800 democracy activists had been arrested. Her estimate was higher than that of the ruling State Law and Order Restoration Council (Slore), which said 559 of her National League for Democracy (NLD) Party members and supporters had been arrested. Slore said it had released 163 supporters ahead of an NLD congress planned for 27-29 September. Reuter – Rangoon

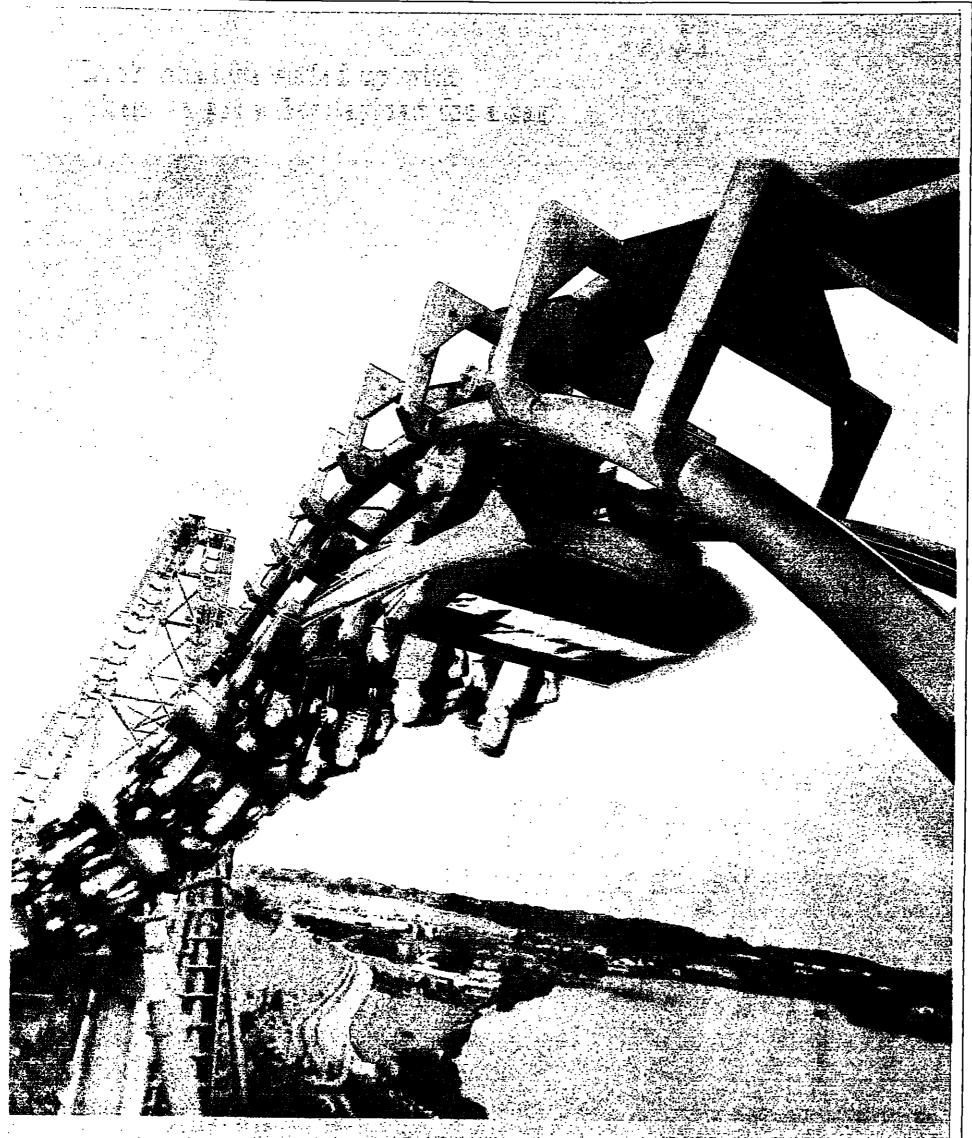
#### New US force for Bosnia

A new force of 5,000 US troops will shortly leave Germany to cover the withdrawal of the 15,000 US troops in northern Bosnia when the peace implementation force mandate expires on 20 December. The new force will remain in Bosnia for six months as the US component of I-For withdraws.

# Himalayas call

to mad cows
The World Hindu Federation.
has urged Switzerland to drop its plan to slaughter 230,000 cattle and offered the sacred beasts a happy home in the Himalayas if Berne gave if the cash carmarked for a "mad cow" cull, Reuter – Zurich





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Middle East crisis: Peace talks lose momentum in Washington as negotiators fail to agree timetable for withdrawal from Hebron



Flashpoint: Israeli borderguards searching a Palestinian outside Hebron yesterday

# Clinton charm fails to heal

RUPERT CORNWELL

The emergency Middle East summit was drawing to an end here in apparent failure yesterday, as both Israelis and Palestinians indicated scant or no progress on key issues, most notably a firm timetable for a withdrawal of Israeli troops from the West Bank town of

The last chance of avoiding a complete breakdown, of perilous consequence to the entire peace process" in the region, lay in a White House lunch attended by President Clinton, The Israeli Prime Minister, Benjamin Netanyahu, the PLO leader, Yasser Arafat, and King Hussein of Jordan - in the hope that the leaders might succeed where all-night negotiations of officials had failed.

The lunch was delayed to allow yet more talks, but developments were uncertain. Mr Clinton was expected to issue a statement at the summit's conclusion, but it was not clear whether a press conference would be held, and, if so, who would take part.

But the prospects of any substantive agreement seemed slim to non-existent. Palestinians reported that "nothing has been

dividing the two sides. Mr Ne-tanyahu continued to insist that Israel wanted to continue talking - even as his officials revealed that Israel was rejecting demands by the US and the Palestinians to set a firm early date to leave Hebron.

"We need security arrangements and that is the problem," an Israeli spokesman said, echo-ing his Prime Minister's stance before the parties arrived here on Monday. "Serious differ-ences remain," was the comment of one senior US official, who also left no doubt that the going was sticky in the extreme. Yesterday's discouraging

news was a sharp corrective to the hopes fanned by an unexpectedly long and direct session tween Mr Netanyahu and Mr Arafat on Tuesday, that the antagonists might be poised to make real progress. But all the sticking points remained, ac-cording to Palestinian officials; not just Hebron, but easier en-try for Palestinian workers with jobs in Israel and a new airport in the Gaza Strip.

Nor was there any confirmation of a deal to set up an international commission on the future of the tunnel near the Al-Agsa Mosque on Temple Mount, whose opening was the

Jerusalem and the Gaza Strip. The best Washington can probably hope for is some form of words committing the two sides to continue negotiations beyond this week's summit. All along, the White House was insisting that such a pledge, and ing of the almost visceral distrust between Mr Arafat and Mr Netanyahu, would be con-

sidered a success. This in turn would allow the White House to deflect criticism of Mr Clinton's handling of the crisis by Bob Dole, his opponent in the election less than five weeks off. Languishing in the polls. Mr Dole and his advisers now depict the Middle East as another example of the President's foreign-policy ineptnes "We've lost a lot of credibility the Republican candidate told newspaper editors in the key

state of Ohio yesterday.
Adding to Washington's concern over the region have been reports of unusual Syrian troop movements and a toughly worded speech at the United Nations by the Damascus Foreign Minister Faronq al-Shara, in which he accused Mr Netanyahu's government of seeking to demolish five years of work towards a Middle Eastern settlement: "Israel can start a war whenever it chooses, but cannot end it

# Palestinians wait for war in ghost city

Hebron — People here are not expecting peace. Aiman Said normally sells spices from a stall in the old city. "I expect we will get nothing out of the summit. America is supporting Israel all the time. In Hebron, things are getting worse every day," he said.

Ever since the Israeli army clamped a 20-hour-a-day curfew on this West Bank city, lifted only between 5am and 9am. Mr East Jerusalem, from which Said has not been able to set up the news." At this moment an Israeli jeep drove down the road and a loudhailer blared: Go home. Those who break

the law will be arrested. Mr Said ran into an alleyway and hid until the jeep had gone. Later we asked if he thought the Palestinian intifada (uprising) would restart? The spice merchant, a youngish looking man in his thirties, shrugged his shoulders and said: "Since peace started in Oslo [in 1993]

we have had no peace."

Others in Hebron are more forthright about what will happen if Yasser Arafat, the Palestinian leader, brings nothing concrete back from Washington. "The Palestinians have rediscovered the intilada," says Khalid Amayreh, a journalist with Islamic sympathics in his office above Hebron's deserted vegetable market, "Seventy people were killed and 1,200 wounded last week. After such sacrifices you can't tell people to go back to work. if Arafat fails, people will go back on to

Pent up in their houses for six days, the streets empty apart from Israeli soldiers and armed Jewish settlers, Palestinians in Hebron feel the diplomatic negotiations of the last three years have brought them noti-ing. What you have got here is acute frozen rage, a powderThe West Bank is a powderkeg waiting for a spark. Patrick Cockburn reports

keg, a tinder-box, says Mr Amyreh. "There will be spectacular violence, not just in the West Bank but in Tel Aviv, Jerusalem and Petakh Tikva.

Hebron is the one large city of the West Bank, apart from the Israeli army did not withment was first delayed because of 450 militant Jewish settlers in the old city. Then it was postponed because of the suicide bombs planted by Islamic militants in February and March, and then again because of the Israeli election in May.

In Washington, President Bill Clinton and Mr Arafat both asked Benjamin Netanyahu, the Israeli Prime Minister, to set a date for the pull-out (although the army will still occupy 20 per cent of the city to protect the settlers). So far, the Israeli leader has refused to do so. Inside the municipality building, Mustafa Natsheh, the mayor of Hebron, says: "All we ask is for the Israelis to keep the agreement they signed a year ago." The curiew is a disaster, he adds, with shortages of food, milk and medicine. "Children can't get to school, It is a city of ghosts."

In the street outside Mr Natsheh's office are two teenagers who have broken curfew to make a complaint to the may-or. Abed Rauf Awewi, 14, and Bajat Abed Wahab Awewi, 16, say that two days before they had been sitting outside their house when they were accused of throwing stones and arrest-ed by Israeli border guards, a paramilitary unit. They were taken an Israeli post and forced to sit in the sun. Bajat said: "When we asked for a drink the killed."

guards, who were Druze (mem-bers of an Islamic sect who who often serve in the Israeli armed forces] gave us a plastic bottle full of urine and beat us until

None of this was likely to elicit much sympathy among the Israeli settlers a few hundred his stall. He says: "Most of the draw at the beginning of the yards away. Noam Arnon, the time we sit at home watching year. The so-called redeploy-settler spokesman, said: "I don't believe Mr Netanyahu will take the army out of Hebron. The PLO has shown that it has guns and is full of murderers and killers." If the army did withdraw then Mr Arnon, recalling the massacre of 64 Jews by Palestinians in 1929, expected war.

Rafi Chaiken, another settler, asked if he felt any sympathy for the 100,000 Palestinians not allowed to leave their homes, said: "No. If they are shut in their houses it is because they

are a danger to us."
He claimed that Israelis had built many schools for Palestinians in Hebron. On a hill a hundred yards away, stood an empty girls primary school which settlers tried to close earlier in the year by spitting and screaming curses at the children.

So far, there have been few protests in Hebron, apart from some stone-throwing yesterday morning. The only demonstration was in the nearby Palestinian town of Doura, where, unlike in Hebron, Palestinian police have control of local security.

A sergeant was watching a march assemble in support of Mr Arafat. Asked what he would do if Israeli soldiers opened fire on the demonstrators, he said: "We have no orders, but we will not stand by and watch - even if we are

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#### Fire rages in Kruger nature park

LILLA BOURHILL

Johannesburg — A bush fire has devastated at least a quarter o South Africa's leading tourist atraction, the Kruger NationallPark. Thousands of animals and birds had probably died in the fire, the worst in more than 40 years. Authorities at the Kruger, which draws 700,000 tourists annually, said the blaze wal sparked by lightning a week age compounded this week by high temperatures and gale force winds.

The park, founded in 1926, covers 7,700sq miles of bush. half the size of Switzerland, and has the greatest diversity of wildlife of any park in the world. The fire has burned 25 per lent of the Kruger, around the satara camp in the southem part of the park.

# 70 die as Boeing plunges into sea

Christian Wolmar Transport Correspondent

The third accident involving a Boeing 757 within a year appears to have killed all 70 people on board a Peruvian plane which crashed into the sea yesterday soon after take-off from the country's capital, Lima. An AeroPeru spokeswoman said the pilot of flight 603 reported mechanical failure five minutes after the aircraft took off in heavy fog, and con-

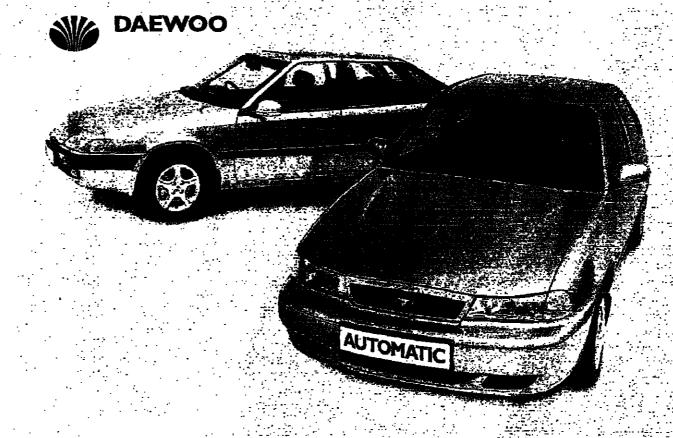
tact was lost 15 minutes later. The aircraft, which was bound for Santiago, was carrying 61 passengers, mostly Chilean, and nine crew. The Peruvian transport minister, Elsa Carrera de Escalante, said tape-recordings of the pilot suggested comput-

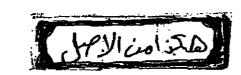
or failure was to blame. The Boeing 757, which first came into service in 1983, had

an unblemished safety record until 20 December last year when an American Airlines 757 en route from Miami crashed into a mountain in south-west Colombia, killing all but four of the 167 people on board. A navigational error by the pilot was blamed.

Six weeks later, a Birgenair Boeing 757, carrying charter passengers to Germany, crashed into the sea soon after take-off from the Dominican Republic, killing all 189 on board. A fault in the air-speed indicator, possibly caused by birds having nested in an inlet, and pilot er-

ror was blamed for the accident. There are 723 Boeing 757s flying in the world and the one involved in yesterday's crash was the 505th to be built. Boeing was last night sending its own investigators to assess what had





# Gun salutes, grateful thanks ... a perfect goodbye Patter It was just as Britain wanted. The day before the handover, local Chinese leaders thanked the departing top British color the departing top British color thanked the departing top British color thanked toparting top British color.

the departing top British colonial administrator, presenting him with a symbolic bowl of pure water. The next morning, the British withdrawal was handled with pomp and mutual respect. Buglers, military bands, and two 15-gua salutes marked the raising of the Chinese flag, which for a few hours flew beside the British one. The chairman of the Chamber of Commerce spoke of how the British officials had "loved the people". The incoming Chi-nese commissioner said the colonial power had ruled wisely, and warned "evilly-disposed persons" not to cause mischief during the transition period.

Finally, at sunset, the Union flag was lowered, and the British team sailed peacefully out of the harbour. Thus ended a short but fairly honorable chapter in

British colonial history.

All this may sound like some fantasy dreamed up by Chris Patten, the Governor of Hong Kong, as he contemplates his departure from Hong Kong on 30 June next year. But it is not. For, in the sensitive business of giving parts of China back to the motherland, Mr Patten has an illustrious predecessor. On 1 October 1930, it was Reginald Johnston, the last British Commissioner of Weihaiwei (and a former tutor of the last Emperor), who handed back this corner of Shandong province, east China, after 32 years of

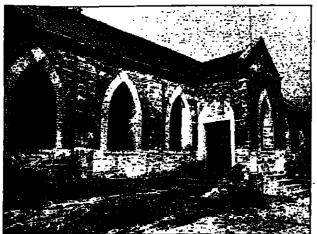
On 1 July 1898 China granted leases for two areas to the British. One was Hong Kong's New Territories, which was turned over to the British for 99 vears. The other was Weihaiwei. an area of 288 square miles on the north-east tip of Shandong province with 128,000 inhabitants, which Britain wanted as a naval base.

Weihaiwei was leased for "as long as Port Arthur shall remain in the occupation of Russia". Russia lost Port Arthur to the Japanese in 1905, but it was not until 1930, after eight years of protracted negotiations, that Weihaiwei was returned to China.

Like Hong Kong, Weihaiwei was run as a duty free trading entrepôt, and had a steady trade in ground nuts, bean-oil, silk, and salt. The pleasant climate also made Weihaiwei was a popular summer recreation stop for the British Navy, and missionaries represented the rest of the small foreign

Shandong province were generally good. According to Dr Pamela Atwell's study of the period, *British Mandarins and Chi*nese Reformers, the first civilian commissioner, James Lockhart, was in 1903 invited to a banquet in the provincial capital where his host's band "played foreign music throughout dinner and whenever it had the least excuse, God save the King". However, British commitment to Weihaiwei was always in doubt. In contrast with Hong Kong, the local inhabitants kept their Chinese nationality, and as early as 1902, London abandoned plans

to construct a full naval base. The British legacy these days is rather limited, even though Weihai (as it is now called) is, somewhat improba-bly, "twinned" with Cheltenham. A simple 32ft-high white marble column com-



ed wooden floor. Similarly, memorates the British period the "Tolerance Benevolence

The best relics are out on

one foot for each year. But one can find elderly lo-Monastery", originally a British banker's house built in 1902, cals who remember their old colonial masters. Gu Yuanjin, sits perched by the seafront. It is now the Talent Computer 89, was there the day the British left. "The Chinese followed the Training School. British to the port, and there was a military salute." How did he feel at the time? "It was glorious for the Chinese. And, he nodded approvingly, "the British left without taking any property. In those days, Mr Gu was a blacksmith. "I did not make friends with any British. but I went into almost every household of the British to repair locks, stoves, chimneys, doors and windows."

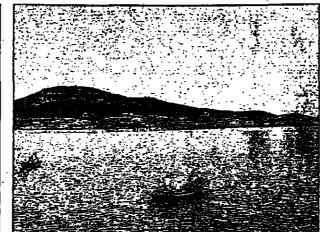
There is little resentment expressed against the British, probably because anti-Japanese feeling was so much stronger. Lu Zhenlian. 86, has lived her whole life in Heqing fishing vil-lage, in north Weihai. "We still have a blanket given by the British," said Ms Lu. "The big British ships threw things overboard, things they did not want. A lot of stockings, boots, food and so on. I was six or seven at the time. From May to August, the ships came. The things were all wet. The British were very kind to the Chinese.

Thus are colonial reputations made. Wang Zhenchang, 51, a restaurant manager in Weihai, said: "When I was a child, some old people told me that commercial British ships once came and wanted to hire some labourers. Because at that time the British did not like the meat, so they just drank the soup and gave the meat to the Chinese workers. So the Chinese said the British were quite good."

Meanwhile, one urban myth Relations with the Chinese in has gained currency among the locals, as told by Zou Deli, Weihai's foreign affairs chief. "Some people say Weihai was the birthplace of Mrs Thatcher, or that one of Thatcher's relatives was based here in the British navy and she lived here with him. According to British law, if you want to be a senior diplomat, you need to have a relative who is a senior military figure." he said.

British architectural remains can be found, often identified by Victorian-style red-brick chimneys. But access is limited. for Weihai is now a Chinese army and naval base and many of the old buildings are inside military compounds.

At the Weihai Port Primary School, the old church living quarters are used as teachers' offices. Inside, one can see the ceiling roses, boarded up fireplaces, and the original paint-



built for British naval officers on Liugong Island off Welhai (centre) Photographs: Teresa Poole/Imperial War Museum

Liugong Island, where British naval officers built fine villas with terraces and conservatories up on the hillside. At one proportioned impressively bungalow, the Chinese Navy inhabitant laughed: "Chinese

houses only have a door at the

front. The British have a door at the front and also at the back. In fact, there are doors every-where. You can always get out!" A visit to Weihai poses the

The day before rendition, posters declaring "China for the Chinese" and "Down with Imperiquestion of what parallels can be alism" appeared on the city's lamp-posts. But in the weeks be-fore 1 October 1930, several merdrawn between the two handovers. In 1930, many of the

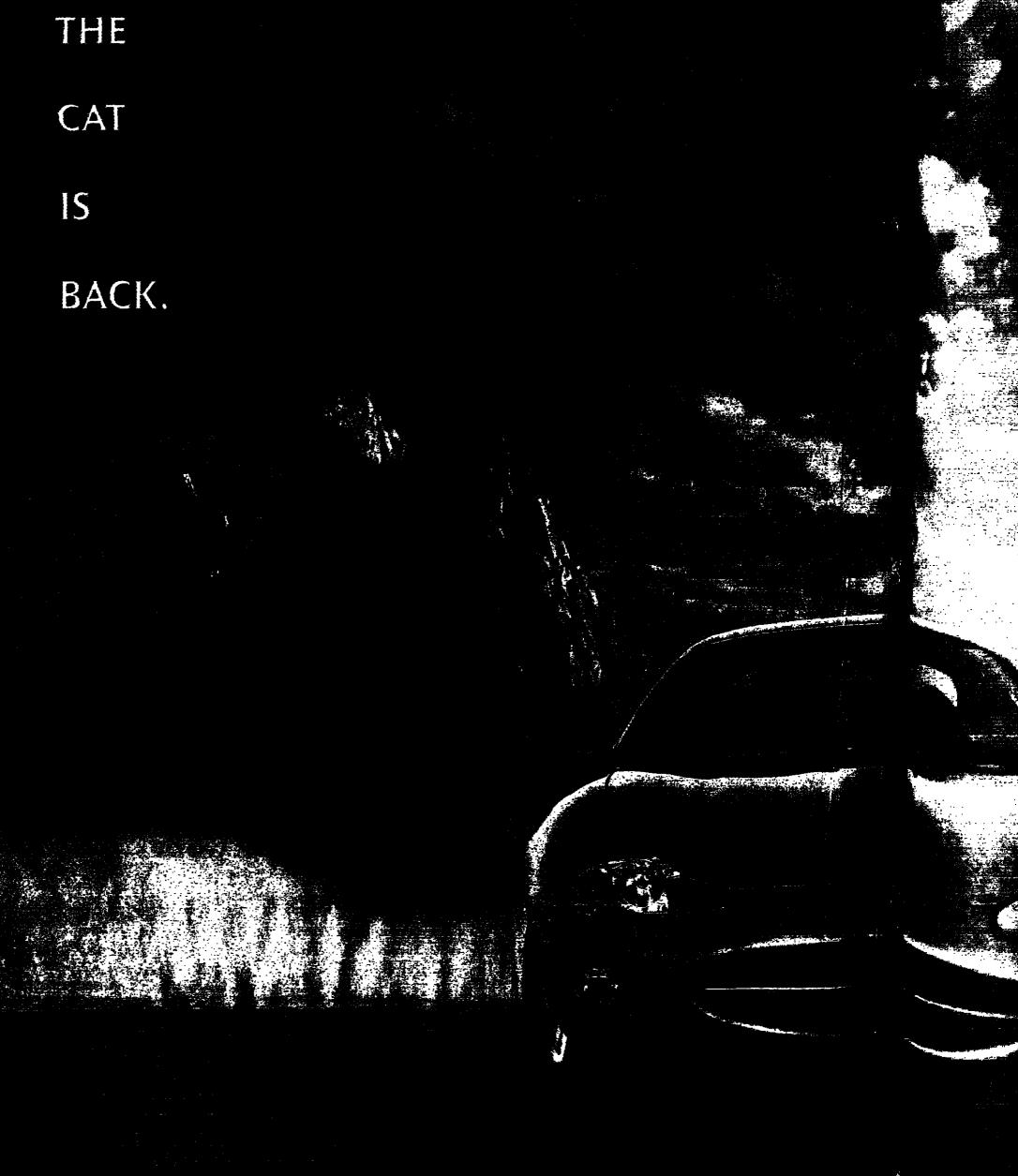
chants started to shift away monsame contradictions were in evey and move salt stocks to Japan, idence as in Hong Kong today. fearful of what a change in sov-

ereignty might mean.
The early results of return to Chinese rule were not auspicious: there were street riots over new taxes, the number of

nese put greater cifors into education, campaigned gainst footbinding, and tried a shut down the opium ders But Chinese rule proved shortlived. On 8 March 1938, the Japanese invaders took Weiham and the city was once again inder

foreign rule. For the past decade, Wahai life has finally started to improve with a thriving scafood adustry, 4 million domestic tourists a year, a new port, and a sechnology development zore to attract foreign investmen. Direct shipping links have orened to South Korea and Japan. At night, the skyline glows with neon trademarks such as Samsung, and South Koreun witting

adorns many buildings.
Now that modernisasion is catching up with Weihri, one man pondered what might have been if Britain's Weihaiwa kase had also been for 99 years. People say, if the British had stayed. Weihai would have been like Hong Kong," be hughed.



Beneath its skin, the new Jaguar XK8 flexes muscles never seen before. It has 32 valves. It develops 290 bhp. It's the finest 4

### Former PM shot dead in Bulgaria

The air of crisis in Bulgaria intensified vesterday when a former prime minister, Andrei Lukanov, was shot dead in front of his home in Sofia. As police launched a search for the



Andrei Lukanov: Supporter of economic change

killer, parliamentarians across the political spectrum condemned the murder, describing it as the first political killing since the overthrow of com-

munist rule in November 1989. They unanimously adopted a declaration stating terrorism would not be allowed to destabilise Bulgaria and that presidential elections planned for later this month would go ahead.

headed the two Socialist governments that followed Mr Zhivkov's 35-year rule. He was ousted in late 1990 after strikes and demonstrations in protest at the slow pace of reform. Although he remained an in-fluential Socialist MP, Mr

Lukanov subsequently turned his attention to business. He became a strong supporter of economic change and was critical of Bulgaria's current So-

cialist Prime Minister, Zhan Videnov, who has delayed introducing free-market reforms. Between February and April, Mr Lukanov was under security service protection following a threat on his life, but the protection was lifted when investigators felt the case had been solved. Speculation was rife yesterday as to who could have been behind the murder - and to what end. Some argued that it could have been one of the mafia-style shootings that have

to be political. According to Georgi Apostolov, deputy editor of the independent Kontinent newspaper, the killing could have been carried out at the instigation of extremists with the aim of forcing a postponement of the presidential election and of providing a pretext for the im-

plagued the country since 1989;

others insisted the motive had

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munist who helped topple the

Mr Lukanov, a former Com-

# Fighting talk from Patten on democracy

CATHERINE SAMPSON Hong Kong

With less than nine months before Britain hands Hong Kong over to Chinese rule, Governor Chris Patten yesterday warned Peking that he would go out fighting.

In the last "state of the colony" address to be given by a British governor, Mr Patten condemned Peking's plans to scrap Hong Kong's democratically elected legislature and replace it with what he calls a

"rubber stamp". "I sincerely hope that even at this late stage, this bad idea can be thought about again. It is unnecessary as well as provocative, and we will have nothing to do

At a press conference later. Mr Patten warned that if the Peking-approved legislature attempted to become a shadow

decisions could be challenged in

Mr Patten also warned China that he had no intention of becoming a lame-duck governor. The fact that this was the last speech, he said, "does not mean that government is closing down or is going into hibernation for nine months ...

it is business as usual." China has insisted that Hong Kong is an "economic city and must not be turned into a "political city". But yesterday, Mr Patten referred to the refugee history of many Hong at the perception of a people are

only interested in money. Éver since 1992, when he unveiled political reforms which Peking denounced as far too radical and which Hong Kong's democrats complained were too mild. Mr Patten has been walking a tightrope. Yestergovernment before 1997, its day's speech, and Mr Patten's

refusal to go quietly, is expect-ed to infuriate Peking. Mr Patten also rubbed salt into an open wound by insisting that Hong Kong would continue to increase welfare spending, something China's Communists have condemned.

Some of Hong Kong's prodemocracy activists poured scorn on Mr Patten's speech, saying he had promised nothing concrete to protect Hong Kong's freedoms.

Mr Patten said his greatest anxiety was not that Peking would usurp Hong Kong's freedom, but that some people in Hong Kong would undermine the territory's promised autonomy by running constantly to Peking for approval. He named no names, but Mr Patten has previously attacked figures in Hong Kong's business community, saying they have cosied up to China's Communist leadto China's Communist lead-said, "between right and ers, and often ask for Peking's wrong."

should have been be decided in Hong Kong. Mr Patten said his greatest frustration was that he had not been able to test the popularity of his policies at the

However, Mr Patten said he was sure Hong Kong would weather the transfer of sovereignty and come out "glitter-, and added he would "stand up and cheer" when it

happened. For all the brave talk, the participants in Peking, London or Hong Kong, all are now confronting the inevitable end of the British administration. Asked whether he had any regrets about his confrontation with Peking, Mr Patten said confrontation with Peking or with the people of Hong Kong. "I know the difference," he



Last word: Chris Patten giving his final address to Hong Kong's Legislative Council yesterday Photograph: Reuter

# Peking orders children to take care of aged parents

TERESA POOLE Peking

Filial piety and respect for the elderly can no longer be relied on as the bedrock of China's traditional Confucian values. So, bowing to the reality of fast-changing social mores, China yesterday implemented a new law banning the "neglect, humiliation and abuse" of old people. Under the legislation, children who refuse to give financial support to their elderly parents can, in theory, be punished.

After more than a decade of economic reform, provision for China's growing number of over-60s often falls into a black hole between the decaying "cradle-to-grave" welfare system and a nascent plan for pension reform. Zhang Wenfan, president of the China National Committee on Ageing, last month warned: "The traditional planned economy system and its social structures, including social guarantees for old people will be pounded and destroyed by the market economy.

in the cities, old people mostly rely on state pensions from their former work units. But many of these state-owned enterprises are racked with debts and cannot pay salaries, let alone pensions and medical bills.

Millions of pensioners are owed money. Early this year, 71-year-old Meng Xiang and five former colleagues tried suing the Shandong Provincial Dis-infecting Equipment Factory in Jinan city after not receiving their 90 yuan (£7.50) monthly pension for almost a year. But the factory was bankrupt and the local government depart-ment said it also had no funds. In the countryside, retired

farmers have no pension rights and rely on their families for support. Difficulties arise in poor areas where unemployment is already chronic, and the vounger generation must leave the land to work in cities far away. Fear of old age is one of the main reasons farmers still want lots of children.

tion of the Rights and Interests of Old People is supposed to define the roles of government. communities and families in looking after the elderly. For the government, the question of who will foot the bill for senior citizens is urgent. The combination of greater life expectancy and strict birth control means China is set for a faster "grey-ing" demographic revolution world. The 110 million or so over-60s now account for almost 10 per cent of the occulation, but that will soar to more than 25 per cent by 2040, when the country will have to look after around 400

million people over 60. Today's urban "Little Emperors", the spoilt children of the one-child policy, will in the next century be the lone providers for their parents and possibly two sets of grandparents. The problem is that in modern China, as in the West, the younger generation has other priorities.

Young adults no longer want to live in the traditional style of three generations under one roof", especially after they get married. But even if money is available, there are very few old people's homes. One Chinese academic said: "The contribution of young people to society is lower [than the elderly] but their income is higher. The change in this economic position will definitely have an influence on the young's attitude to old people.

The new law nevertheless stipulates that most old people should remain in the care of their families, although central government and social organisations must provide a social security system for them. Developed areas ought to establish community welfare services for the elderly.

it says.

When it is a question of romance late in life, the younger generation is often disapproving of new liaisons among bereaved parents. The law specifies that children of the elderly should not interfere in old

# Dole strains to tar Clinton with deadly L-word

RUPERT CORNWELL

Call an American politician a crook, a scoundrel or a liar, and it's water off a duck's back. If you really want to wound him, call him a liberal. So it is that Bob Dole, far behind in the polls, has in desperation unheathed what Ronald Reagan dubbed "the L-word".

In the forthcoming presidential debates, Mr Dole vows daily to go after "that liberal, liberal, liberal, liberal Bill Clinton". The occupant of the White House is variously a "dyed-in-the-wool liberal," an "old-style liberal", or a "closet liberal" who will show his true colours once the election is over.

In fact, the challenger is taking his cue from the Republican ideologist-in-chief, Newt Gingrich. No-one wields the L-word more brutally than the Speaker of the House. His opponents are not Democrats, but 'liberal Democrats' - not to be confused with the political party recently assembled in Brighton. Sometimes he expands the term to "pathetic liberal Democ-rats", scarcely distinguishable from the Reds that Senator Joseph McCarthy once hunted.

Here, the original free market, libertarian and Whiggish connotations of the term have vanished entirely (Indeed, America's Whigs were the forerunners of the Republican Party). Liberals, as depicted by ssrs Dole and Gingrich, love high taxes, big government, foreign cars and mass murderers, and would sell out the country to the UN before you

can say Boutros-Ghali. Such is the downfall of a once noble word in America's political lexicon, under whose banner John Kennedy and Harry Truman marched - not to mention this century's greatest President, Franklin Roosevelt. Today's liberalism is a faith that dares not speak its name. A Democrat will call himself a "moderate", a "grogressive" even "caring"; anything to avoid the L-word.



Such reluctance is understandable. It was "Sixties-liberalism" which wrecked things. Ever since, Republicans have used the L-word to batter hapless Democratic candidates for the White House. Hubert Humphrey, George McGovern, Walter Mondale and Michael Dukakis were all were fatally painted as "liberals" out of touch with the "silent majority". Since 1968, Jimmy Carter

and Bill Clinton have been the

only exceptions, suggesting that



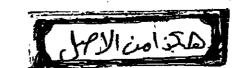
Roosevelt: Happy to march under the liberal banner

dote is solid red-neck credentials. Which is why, out on the campaign trail, the Clinton grin widens and his southern drawl deepens: a good-oi'-boy cannot be a liberal. Yet even Clinton is not entirely safe.

He may be an elusive target. tough on crime and values, agreeing to scrap FDR's federally guaranteed welfare for the poor, and generally stealing Republican issues by the dozen. But the Bill Clinton who opposed the Vietnam war and smoked (but did not inhale) marijuana was once the classic

Sixties liberal. Perhaps Mr Dole's last hope is to prove he still is.





graduate from the university, but

he also received his doctorate,

and got a fellowship to join the

remarkable group of math-

ematicians that was brought

Paul Erdős was one of the most brilliant and probably the most remarkable of mathematicians of this century. He greatly influenced many branches of mathematics and was the prime mover in the rapid growth of combinatorics, an area of mathematics fundamental to computer science,

He never had a "proper" teaching job, but constantly travelled around the world, in search of new challenges. Considering material possessions a nuisance, he lived for over 60 years out of half-full suiteases, which he never learnt to pack. His discarded suit was rejected

Erdős was the quintessential mathematician: although he was interested in history, medicine and politics, he was dedicated to mathematics. He wrote some 1.500 papers, about five times as many as other prolific mathematicians, and had close to 500 collaborators. His enormous output even inspired a limerick: A conjecture both deep and profound is whether the circle is round. In a paper by Erdös, Written in Kurdish.

According to a wit, on a long train journey he would write a joint paper with the conductor. Paul Erdős was born into an

intellectual Hungarian-Jewish family in Budapest amidst tragic circumstances: when his mother returned home from the hospital she found that her two daughters had died of scarlet fever. Soon after the outbreak of the First World War. Erdős's father was taken prisoner by the Russians and returned home from Siberia only six years later. The young Erdős was brought up by his mother, a teacher of mathematics like his father, and he remained devoted to her all his life.

He was a child prodigy: as a small boy, he amused people by asking them how old they were and telling them how many seconds they had lived. He was educated mostly at home by his father, until 1930, when he entered the Péter Pázmány University in Budapest, where he was soon at the centre of a small group of outstanding young Jewish mathematicians. As a second-year undergraduate, he practically completed his doctorate under Leopold Fejér. His main result was a simple proof of an extension of Bertrand's Postulate, first proved by the Russian mathematician P.L. Chebyshev, that there is always at least one prime number between any positive integer and its double.

For Erdős, 1934 was a mo-

mentous year, not only did he

together by Louis Mordell in Manchester. He also met Richard Rado and Harold Devonport, who became his great friends and collaborators. In 1938, Erdős sailed for the United States, where he stayed

for the next decade. During his first year, at the Institute for Advanced Study in Princeton, he wrote ground-breaking papers with A. Wintner and Mark Kac. which founded probabilistic number theory, with P. Turán he proved great results in approximation theory, and he solved the then outstanding problem in dimension theory. When his Fellowship at the institute was not renewed, he started his peregri-nations, with stays at the University of Pennsylvania. Notre Dame, Purdue and Stanford.

The great mathematical event of 1949 was an elementary proof of the Prime Number Theorem, given by Atle Selberg and Erdös. The result, which predicts the distribution of primes with some accuracy, was first proved in 1986 by sophisticated methods, and it had been thought that no clemen-

tary proof could be given.
In 1954, he fell foul of the McCarthy era: despite being refused a re-entry visa, he left the US and, as a result, for the next nine years he was not allowed to return to America. Israel came to his aid with a job for three months at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. Although officially he became a resident of Israel, he refused its citizenship and kept his Hungarian passport, claiming that he was a citizen of the world.

Although in 1963 he was allowed to return to America, and from then on spent most of his time there, he could never forgive the US government. From 1964, his mother, then aged 84, accompanied him on his trav-



els. This was a golden period for Erdős, who never recovered from her death in 1971.

In over six decades of furious activity, he wrote fundamental papers on number theory, real analysis, geometry, probability theory, complex analysis, approximation theory, set theory and combinatorics. His first great love was number theory, while in his later years he worked mostly in combinatorics. In 1966, with John Selfridge, he solved a notorious problem in number theory that had been open for over 100 years, namely that the product of consecutive positive integers (like 4.5.6.7.8) is never an exact square, cube or any higher power.

With Rado and A. Hajnal, he founded partition calculus, a branch of set theory, which is a detailed study of the relative sizes of large infinite sets. Nev-ertheless, he will be best remembered for his contributions to combinatorics, an area of mathematics fundamental to computer science. He founded extremal graph theory, his theorem with A.H. Stone being of prime importance, and with A. Rényi he started probabilistic graph theory. He advocated the use of elementary methods, in addition to techniques requiring vast preparation, and decades before it was commonly accepted he had shown the power of random methods in mathematics. He showed that simply stated problems often lead to exciting phenomena, and left behind hundreds of exciting problems whose solutions will influence combi-

natorics for years to come. Sexual pleasure revolted him; even an accidental touch by anyone made him feel uncomfortable. He never married or had family, though he was very good with children. He lived for mathematics and relied on his friends to look after him; in his later years he particularly liked to be in Budapest, Memphis and Kalamazoo where, in addition to his mathematical friends, he found good medical care. He hated to be alone, and almost never was; he loved to attend conferences and enjoyed the attention of mathematicians. His aim in life was "to do mathematics: to prove and conjecture".

A favourite saying of his was, Every human activity, good or bad, must come to an end, except mathematics." He died as he wished to, before his powers were greatly diminished: while attending a conference, he was killed by a massive heart attack.

Béla Bollobás

Paul Erdös, mathematician: hom Budapest 26 March 1913; died Warsaw 20 September 1996.



You've Gotta Know How to Dance' in Alfred E. Green's film Colleen, 1936

Photograph: Photofest

#### **Paul Draper**

Paul Draper was the pioneer who introduced tap-dancing to the concert-hall. Uniquely, he combined modernistic interpretation and ballet movements with stylishly elegant tap performed to jazz and to classical music.

"He created an entirely original genre," the producer C.B. Cochran said, "by embroidering the more or less static movements of the tap dance with the grace and flexibility of the ballet and a discriminating choice of good music." He appeared on Broadway and in films, but is best known for the series of concerts he performed with the harmonica virtuoso Larry Adler, which brought them world fame until McCarthyism blighted their careers. He was born in Florence in

1909, to American parents who were artistically prominent – his mother was a writer and lecturer, his aunt the monologuist Ruth Draper, and family friends included Picasso, Henry James and Artur Rubinstein. At four, he was taken to the United States, where his home was filled with classical music. He developed an interest in tapdancing but disliked the "cacophony of metal-plated shoes".

Self-taught in the rudiments

of dance, he obtained a job as ballroom instructor at Arthur Murray's, where a fellow teacher taught him the time-step. He started devising dances for himself to the music of Duke Ellington and George Gershwin but could not interest New York producers, so in 1930 he embarked for Europe. He toured Britain in Sensations of

designed by Cocteau, where he danced on a round marble pedestal 3ft high and 2ft wide. Returning to the US, he es-tablished himself in Vaudeville. 'I had little competition," he said later. There were a lot of ballroom-dancing acts, but almost nobody danced alone." An attempt to introduce Handel minuets and Bach into his act did not work, so he attended the School of American Ballet, after which he graduated to such

1932, then appeared at Le Bœuf

sur le Toit, the Paris night-club

Plaza and Waldorf. His work now included satirical sketches in dance and an acclaimed piece entitled "Sonata for Tap Dancer" in which he danced without music, his feet becoming in effect a solo ina star dancing act with her

cabaret spots as New York's

brother Buddy, called him "The Horowitz of tap". He made his Broadway début

in the revue Thumbs Up (1934), and in 1936 appeared in the film Colleen. Draper's number with Ruby Keeler, "You've Gotta Know How to Dance", was overlong and disjointed, though Keeler later stated, "Lee Dixon and Paul Draper were the best partners I ever had", and in 1942 the couple were re-teamed in a two-reel short, Six Hits and a Miss. Draper's only other fea-ture film was The Time of Your Life (1948), based on William Saroyan's play, in which he won praise as a compulsive dancer in the role Gene Kelly had played on Broadway. Two years earlier he had been given his finest film opportunity, a starring role with Bing Crosby in Blue Skies, but its producer who had cast him died six weeks into production and he was replaced by Fred Astaire, reputlly because of his stammer. When Draper and Larry

Adler appeared on the same bill at Radio City in 1933 the two discovered they were admirers of each other's work. Adler had already partnered Fred strument. Vilma Ebsen, half of Astaire in the show Smiles for booking them - and Drap-(1931). In 1939, when Draper er moved to Geneva, returning

and Adler were at last able to get together for a concert in Syracuse, New York, their success started a partnership which became world famous as they toured concert-halls for several months every year. Each performed solo, then joined forces at the end of each act. Their version of Gershwin's "I Got Rhythm" was a show-stopper. another highlight being a request spot where audiences chose the music and Draper ad-libbed a routine to Adler's playing.

Their partnership was to end in 1948 (though they remained close friends) when the infamous McCarthy had them blacklisted. Both had long been associated with left-wing causes - at the Roxy Theatre in 1948 Draper performed "Political Speech", a dance satirising politicians' clichés, and was boood by the audience. Over 30 years later Draper stated, "I did do the things and belong to the or-ganisations they said. I was happy to, and am still proud of it.

Engagements evaporated with the blacklist - Ed Sullivan not only cancelled their appearance on his show but publicly apologised to his sponsors

to receive a standing ovation. All In One (1955) was a triple bill of Bernstein's one-act opera Trouble in Toliti, a Tennessee Williams play and a dance programme by Draper, but was too rarefied an evening for popular appeal. The same year he played the title-role in Stravin-sky's ballet Histoire du soldat. and from 1967 to 1978 he was a Professor of Liberal Arts at Carnegie-Mellon Institute in Pittsburgh. He and Adler were historically reunited for one performance in June 1975 at Carnegie Hall, prompting the New York Times to state:

to the New York stage in 1954

Draper's dancing remains impecca-bly musical and impressively lumber. He seemed barely to be trucking the floor at times. One thinks naturally of Astaire and Bolger when Mr Draper is in full flight, but his style is so intense and serious that comrisons are not really to the point.

Draper himself saw the dancer's art as "shaping space".
"The dancer," he said, "envisages, and dreams, and conjures up the space he wants.

Paul Nathaniel Saltonstall Draper, tap-dancer: born Florence October 1909; married; died 20

Tom Vallance

### **Robert Bourassa**

Robert Bourassa played a leading role in modernising the economy and social structure of Quebec. But his indecisiveness and ambiguity about Quebec's role in the Canadian federation were major factors in the revival of the separatist movement and the crisis it currently poses to Canadian unity.

Bourassa was premier and head of the Quebec provincial Liberal Party twice, from 1970 to 1976 and from 1985 until 1993 - both turbulent eras in the relationship between Quebec and the rest of the country. Throughout these periods he walked a tightrope between a Ouebec nationalism that could flourish within the broader confines of the Canadian federation and the pressures for an

Towards the end of his political career, he became a more eral Party and the premiership committed defender and advocate of federalism, committing himself to a package of constitutional reforms known as the Charlottetown Accord that was

put to the test of a national referendum in October 1993. These reforms would have recognised Quebec as a distinct society within Canada with a

special responsibility for the protection and promotion of the French language and Quebec culture. It would have also made significant changes to the structure of the Canadian Parliament, changing the upper house from an appointed to an elected body, along the lines of the United States Senate. But the package was turned

down massively in Quebec, and failed to get majority support in the rest of the country. Shortly after the vote. Bourassa, who had already fought off two rounds of the melanoma which finally took his life, announced he would not seek another term as premier and turned over the Quebec Libto Daniel Johnson, who was defeated by the separatist Bloc

Québécois a year later. Born to a middle-class family in Montreal in 1933, Bouras-

sa initially studied law, and was admitted to the Quebec bar in 1957. He subsequently did graduate studies in economics at Oxford and Harvard. Returning to Canada, he worked as an adviser to the federal government on tax policy and taught at the University of Ottawa. In 1958 he had married Andrée Simard, the daughter of a prominent Quebec industrialist and shipbuilder, which gave him the financial freedom to pursue his studies independently and to finance his political career. This began in 1966 when he was elected to the provincial parliament from Mercier, a Montreal suburban

riding (constituency). His first encounter with power began in 1970, when he was the surprise winner of the leadership of the Quebec Liberal Party and led it to victory in a provincial election. He was only 36, insecure and inexperienced, and unprepared to deal with escalating vi-olence from a militant branch of the separatist movement.

There had been isolated bombings before, but what became known as the "October Crisis" of 1970 came to a head with the kidnapping of the British trade commissioner James Cross and the murder of one of Bourassa's cabinet ministers. Pierre Laporte. The federal government led by the former Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau moved in to declare a form of martial law. Separatists were rounded up and detained briefly without trial and Canadian soldiers and tanks patrolled the streets of Montreal. Historians have suggested it

was an over-reaction, but the federal government was prompted to move so dramatically by its perception of Bourassa's weakness. Calm was restored. Cross was released unharmed, and there has been no political violence since. But Bourassa's credibility was seriously damaged. His government implement-

ed reforms in education and healthcare, curtailing the in-fluence of the Roman Catholic



church in both fields. But he became embroiled in scandals about patronage and funding, and his government was routed in the 1976 provincial election by the separatist-leaning Parti Québécois and its charismatic leader René Levesque. Bourassa slunk off to Brussels to a university teaching position and to study the structure of the European community as a model for Canada and Quebec.

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ready commenced in Spain

and there was a risk of irreconcilable judgments in the two

Charles Hollander (Linklaters &

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Lord Justice Evans said the

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on behalf of the defendant in

the course of negotiations for

a branch office in London.

McKenzie) for the defendant.

He came back to Canada to campaign on the winning federalist side in the 1980 Quebec referendum, and three years later easily regained the leadership of the Quebec Liberal Party, ading it to victory over the Parti Québécois in 1985.

In his second term, Bourassa pushed economic development by developing the huge hydro-electric potential in northern Quebec and selling surplus power at a large profit to the New England states. But he could not resolve the linguistic tensions that still bedevil the province, even though he sed controversial legislation enforcing the use of French, parts of which were struck down by the Supreme Court of Canada as unconstitutional restrictions on the right of free speech.

The Supreme Court had suggested a compromise in Quebec that could have required French to be twice as prominent as any other language on outdoor signs, but the premier dithered between the French-language

He decided to use an obscure provision to override the constitution and the court, forcing the removal of English or other languages from all outdoor signs. But that move so angered people in the rest of the country that another attempt at accommodating Quebec's "distinct status" within the constitution, known as the Meech

Lake Accord, was defeated. Perceived by Quebecers as a rejection by the other provinces, the failure to ratify the Meech Lake Accord gave new life to the Quebec separatist movement and led to the current situation with the Parti Québécois back in power.

Bourassa's ambiguity towards the national question was in tune with a majority of Quebecers and he was a much more popular figure in his second term. There was an outpouring of sympathy when it became known that he had delayed seeking treatment when his cancer was first discovered in

militants and the moderates. summer 1990, because he felt he couldn't be absent during a tense stand-off between Quebec police and Mohawk warriors who had barricaded-off areas around Montreal, claiming aboriginal rights to the land. His earlier successes in ward-

September 1996.

ing off the melanoma and his peripatetic political career had earned him a reputation as a cat with the proverbial nine lives. As one political columnist wrote earlier this week: "It is hard to imagine a Quehec in which Bourassa is not somehow at hand: like a cat, remote and slinky, toying with the political limits of the Quebec psyche with his little cat paws."

Hugh Winsor

Robert Bourassa, politician and economist: born Si Pierre Claver, Mercier, Canada 14 July 1933; Leader, Liberal Party of Quebec 1970-77, 1983-93; Prime Minister of Quebec 1970-76, 1985-93; married 1958 Andrée Simard (one son, one daughter); died Montreal 2 October 1996.

#### BIRTHS

PRICE: On 22 September to Lyan (nee Miles) and Ian, a beautiful daughter

#### DEATHS

BROWN: The Right Hon Sir Patrick Reginald Evelyn, on Tuesday 1 Oc-tober 1986 in his 90th year, peacefully at home with his family. Funeral ser-vice at St George: Church, Thriplow, on Monday 7 October at Ham fol-lowed by a private cremation. Funi-ity flowers only please. Trees can be planted in his memory by arrangement with the Woodland Trust. The Au-tumn Park, Dysan, Grantham NG31 old.

MUIR: Kenneth Arthur, 30 September 1996, peacefully in hospital aged 89 years. Emeritus Professor of English Literature, Liverpool University, and Fellow of the British Academy, Loved hisband of the late Mary, dear father of Katharine (deceased) and David, daughter-in-law Evelyn, grandchildren Thomas and Kathryn, Private cremation at Landican Crematorium, Birkenhead, Wirtal on Wednesday 4

Sir Stephen Brown, president of the

Family Division, a former Lord Jus-

tice of Appeal, 72; Mr Chubby Checker, rock singer, 55; Mr John Craxton, artist, 74; Sir Terence Eng-

lish, Master, St Catharine's College,

Cambridge, 64; Sir Roger Hervey, former ambassador to Mexico, 62;

Lord Knights, former Chief Con-

Birthdays

# Births.

Church, Oxton, Wirral, at 12.15pm. Family flowers only please. Donations if desired to Leukaemia Research. Great Ormond Street, London WCI. All enquiries to J.W. Bell & Son, Dial House. Pasture Road. Moreton, Wural, 0151-077 5057.

Wirral, 0151-077 5057.
WILSON: Mairi, died 30 September 1996 after a long fight against cancer. Beloved wife of Hugh, proud mother of Sarah, Elizabeth and Michael, dear daughter of Tom Heaney, and generous friend to many. Also late Bournville College and CCETSW. The funeral will take place at Olton Friary, St Bernards Road, Solihull, on Monday 7 October at 2pm, Donations in licu of flowers to the Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund c/o Mrs J. Retief Macmillan Fund e/o Mrs J. Levett-Dunn, Charnwood, 25a The Crescent, Solihuli B91 IJR.

# Marriages & Deaths

For GAZETTE, please telephone 0171-293 2011.

stable, West Midlands, 76; Mr

William Newton Dunn, MEP, 55; Mr

Ruggero Raimondi, operatic bass-

baritone. 55; Sir Shridath Ramphal

QC. former Secretary-General of the

Commonwealth, 68; Mr Steve

Michael Reich, composer, 60; Sir

John Stow, former Governor-General

of Barbados, 85: Mr John Suthern,

jockey, 45; Mr Gore Vidal, author, 71.

#### Forthcoming marriages

Mr P. M. Moutague-Fuller and Miss A. M. W. Wallbank

The engagement is announced between Peter, second son of the late Mr Brian Montague-Fuller and of Mrs John Platt, of Withington Gloucestershire, and Alice, daughter of Mr and Mrs Roger Wallbank, of Selly Park, Birmingham.

#### Anniversaries

Births: Pierre Bonnard, nainter 1867; Sir Michael Murray Hordera, actor, 1911. Deaths: St Francis of Assisi, 1226; William Morris, writer, artist and printer, 1896; Jean Anouilli, playwright, 1987. On this day: the international distress signal SOS was adopted, 1906. Today is the Feast Day of St Attilanus, St Froilan, St Gerard of Brogne, St Ewald the Dark, St Ewald the Fair. St Hesychius and St Thomas Cautclupe of Hereford.

ROYAL ENGAGEMENTS The Princes Royal Patron. Instants of Logstics, upons a new Instantainal Radjout terminal, Don-caster, South Yorkshope, and waits the Meror's Par-bour. Manuson House, Doncaster. Princess Margaret attents a Reception to mark the 75th Ammericant of the Navy, Army and Air Force In-stantics at the Imperial Was Murcom, London SEI

Changing of the Guard The Household Cavairy Mounted Regiment atomis the Queen's Life Guard at Horse Greatle. It am: 1st Retainion The Rayal Regiment of Wales mounts the Queen's Gonet, at Buckleghant Patter. It Mars. hond mysided by the Gonesier Guard.

# English action 'not related' to Spanish proceedings

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Authority: Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Evans, Lord Justice Peter Gibson, Lord Justice Brooke) 12 August 1996

The question whether pro-ceedings brought in two different states were "related actions" for the purpose of article 22 of the Brussels Convention, as scheduled to the Civil Jurisdiction and Judgments Act 1982, so as to entitie any court other than that first seised to stay the action. depended on whether the primary issues of fact, upon which the reasoning of the judgment of the court first seised must necessarily be based, were the same or different in the two sets

of proceedings, The Court of Appeal alowed an appeal by the plaintiff. Sarrio SA, against the decision of Mr Justice Mance ([1996] 1 Lloyd's Rep 650) who, on the application of the defendant, the Kuwait Invest- the sale of part of the plaintiff's ment Authority, had stayed business to Grupo Torras tractual undertakings made by the plaintiff's actions because SA, who represented the de-

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fendant's investments in Spain.

The defendant objected to

the jurisdiction of the English court essentially because the plaintiff should be required to consolidate these actions with proceedings it had already brought in Spain. The Spanish proceedings did not include the claim for damages for negligent misrepresentation made in these actions, but they arose out of the sale contract between the plaintiff and Grupo Torras which the representations were alleged to have induced. The defendant therefore contended that the two sets of proceedings either involved the same cause of action, within article 21 of the Convention, or that they were related actions

within article 22 and should be heard together in Spain. Put shortly, the central issue in Spain was whether the con-

ras were binding as a matter of law on the defendant as owner of its shares; in England, whether Javier de la Rosa, the person who negotiated the sale contract with the plaintiff, made certain representations on behalf of the defendant, in addition to and apart from whatever he said on behalf of

Both sets of proceedings required an investigation of the history of the negotiations and background circumstances. The judge concluded, and his Lordship agreed, that the causes of action and the objects of the two sets of proceedings were different, and therefore article 21 of the Convention did not require the English court to

decline jurisdiction. Article 22 provided that where "related actions" were brought in two contracting states (as Spain and England were) any court other than the

first seised might stay its proceedings or decline jurisdiction, and that:

For the purpose of this article, actions are deemed to be related where they are so closely connected that it is expedient to hear and determine them together to awaid the risk of irreconcilable judgments.

Whether these and the

Spanish proceedings were "re-

lated actions" depended on an overall consideration of the extent to which there was a risk that the judgment of the Spanish court would be irreconcilable with the judgment in these actions, if permitted to proceed. Applying the test set by the European Court of Justice in The Maccij Rataj [1995] 1 Llovd's Rep 302, the primary issues of fact, on which the court's "reasoning" for its decision would be based, were distinct in these actions from those raised in Spain. It followed that there was no risk of

to make article 22 apply. Paul Magrath, Barrister

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# Fight the last colonial fight, Sir Christopher

here has been nothing so democratic in our ownership of our last significant colony have been Hong Kong as our preparations for the leaving of it. For more than 150 years, Britain saw little reason to consult the people of Hong Kong on the governance of our wealthy little Asian colony. As next year's handover to Chinese rule has crept nearer, Sir Christopher Patten, the last Governor, has been assiduous, energetic, even strident in setting up minimally democratic structures and insisting that Peking must respect them. Is this hypocrisy? Or cheek? Or is it simply the least we could do for our former citizens before we handed them over to the world's last Communist superpower?

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Sir Christopher has not always played his few cards well. But the sniping of Chinese apologists in this country, and the occasional lack of support from the Government to which he once belonged, are undeserved. The last Governor has been fighting an impossible battle. He will not get his way. Peking will abolish LegCo, the democratically elected but tediously entitled Hong Kong assembly, next year. It will impose its own hand-picked assembly and its own place-man as chief executive. But the fact that Sir Christopher's battle was fought at all will make it harder for Peking to

mobilised as never before. The attention of the world has been focused on China's behaviour from July onwards. Neither are worth a great deal, but both are worth something.

The China-sympathisers, led by our former ambassador to Peking, Sir Percy Cradock, argue that Patten's obstinacy has forced Peking to become more obdurate. In other words, China would have taken a more liberal approach to a post-British Hong Kong if we had not insisted on rubbing their noses in the dangerous concept of democracy. We doubt it. The transition would have been fraught with dangers in either case. But the presence of a vocal and active democratic movement in Hong Kong - little of which existed before - should help to persuade Peking to respect Hong Kong's radically different history and political culture. These differences are understandably threatening to the Communist gerontocracy, but also vitally important to them. In the end. Peking's own best political and economic interests are served by a successful Hong Kong, and this must be a Hong Kong that remains united with the Western world although re-connected to China.

At this late stage, Patten is no



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boundaries of liberalisation. But in his final annual policy speech yesterday he signalled his intention to kick and scream to the end to defend the advances he has made. In particular, he warned Peking that he would have no truck with its alternative, unelected assembly. He also came his closest yet to stating that the scrapping after the July handover of his own, democratic infant - LegCo - would be illegal, and a direct breach of the Sino-UK joint declaration on Hong Kong. He also rejected China's criticisms of his Bill will make it harder for Peking to
ignore political and human rights in

At this late stage, Patten is no of Rights and, quite rightly, ridiculed
the idea that Hong Kong people do

not care about human rights or politics. Although Sir Christopher has less than nine months left in charge, he let it be known that he intends to keep his hand on the helm by setting out a series of new, supposedly non-controversial measures to improve "quality of life". The territory's democracy camp complained that this was not enough. They demanded some form of further "action" by Sir Christopher, and Britain, to warn Peking off. It is not at all clear what they seriously think Sir Christopher can do, over and above what he is doing.

Sir Percy Cradock and his ilk argue

that there is no point in upsetting the Chinese with the handover so close. But then they have never shown any inclination to hold the Chinese to the spirit, or many of the letters, of the agreements they helped to negotiate with Peking. The view of the Cradockites appears to be that our only duty to Hong Kong is economic: our final task is to leave the territory in good shape as an efficient money-making machine. That is the best hope for the territory's future, they say, to attempt anything more is not only foolish and irresponsible, but arouses impossible hopes among the populace. This ignores the community's enthusiastic participation in last year's Legislative Council election.

The reality is that economic development does not take place in a political vacuum. When life ceases to be just a struggle for existence, people begin to think for themselves, a lesson societies all over east Asia are learning (despite all the loose talk about "Asian values"). Hong Kong thrived within the stuffy, but benign anomaly of British colonial status. That does not mean it would thrive under autocratic rule from China, Under British rule, there was no democracy but there was little state control either (some might argue, too little). Despite its change of status - one might say because of its change of status - a

sophisticated and prosperous community such as Hong Kong will require considerable freedom of thought and freedom of expression if it is to thrive and grow. Direct democracy was always too much to hope for. But the fight is worth having if it persuades Peking to treat its returning daughter as a grown-up. As Peking is presumably aware, its success or failure will have a crucial bearing on a still greater ambition: the eventual re-unification of the mainland and Taiwan.

#### Forget it all..

Tow is it that black holes, a phe-II nomenon we barely understand, have become such a popular symbol of our godless, negative existence? Stephen Hawking is a best-seller; Star Trek plays with unknowable doom. Pessimistic doomsayers will no doubt interpret vesterday's news of a black hole sucking us toward long-distant oblivion as confirmation of the ultimate futility of life.

But look on the bright side. Deprived of heaven and hope, we could fantasise about a universe on the far side of darkness where life is free of millenialism, party conferences, and all kinds of other political pretension.

#### • LETTERS TO THE EDITOR •

#### Neglected victims of the Holocaust Sir: As a child survivor of Belsen concentration camp, I fully endorse

the points raised in the letter "Use Nazi gold to ease plight of survivors" (1 October).

The youngest living child survivor of Belsen I know personally will be 54 years old this month, the youngest hidden child survivor of the Holocaust from Holland that I know personally is a mere 53. Both, I am confident, have many more years to live with the trauma of their experiences and es oi deigred

and relatives. We are, indeed, a neglected group. In the immediate postwar years it was felt that we were too young to have suffered, and that we would soon recover from our

experiences. Time has proved this heartless view not to be true. With the process of ageing, and the gradual natural demise of the few surviving relatives we still had after the war, the trauma of our experiences has been reinforced.

Let action be taken now to provide the means by which we might gain the respite so earnestly sought by all of us who still suffer daily from the consequences of the Holocaust. JACK SANTCROSS Wembley Park, Middlesex

#### Blame judges, not juries

Sir: Glenda Cooper ("Twelve confused men and women", 30 September) advocates removal of the jury system unless jurors can comprehend the meaning of two basic tenets of our criminal law system, namely the effect of good character and the meaning of reasonable doubt. This is an argument for the removal of judges who have not the capacity to explain sufficiently such basic and simple concepts to a jury.

The rest of the article sets out

excellent reasons why juries must remain, but potential jurors should be treated with more respect and not just paid court to when they are in the course of trying a case. MICHAEL BECKMAN QC Lincoln's Inn

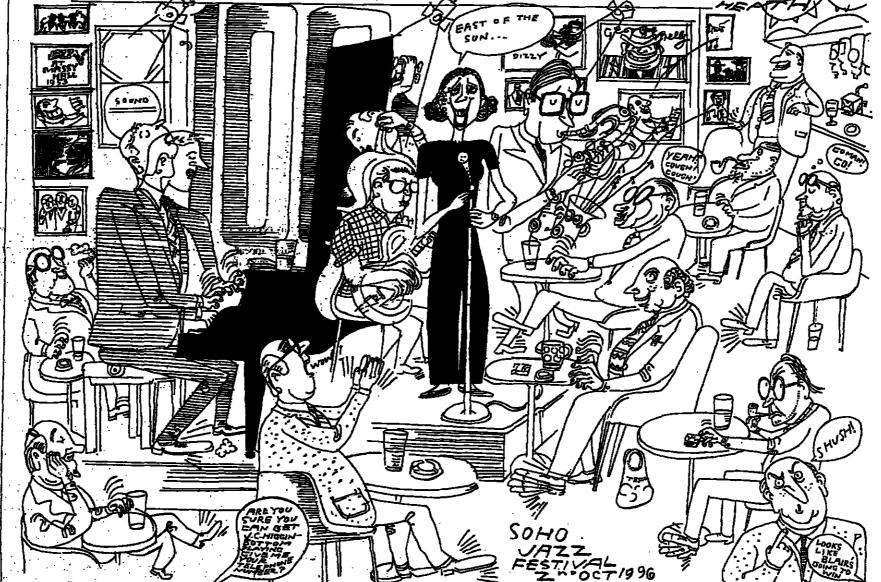
#### Kick in the teeth for young jobless

Sir: Next Monday's changes to Job Seekers Allowance are yet another ingredient in the "poisonous cocktail" of policies that can lead to crime, as recently described by government minister Tom Sackville.

The new rules, which cut money for young people and make it harder to take up educational opportunities, are a kick in the teeth for young, unemployed people. They face greater hardship and the risk of being pushed into poorly paid and part-time jobs, while real opportunities, such as

study and training for solid employment will be blocked. The result could be an increase in crime - it is no coincidence that two-thirds of people on probation are unemployed and that benefits

are their only source of income. Not only is there research to prove that one-third of offending behaviour can be cut by providing employment, but our probation.



Michael Heath's Britain: At the Soho Jazz Festival yesterday

officers deal with young offenders each day whose main reason for offending is that they are struggling to survive and see no hope of ever finding a job.

ROGER STRATHAM Chief Probation Officer, Cleveland Probation Service Middlesbrough

#### Rescue the child workers

Sir: Kenneth Clarke deserves the praise he is getting from Oxfam supporters for his stand on reducing the debts of the poorest countries ("IMF to give Uganda \$80m Christmas present", 1 October), and maybe even more for supporting the abolition of tariffs on their exports. That is the only way they are ever

going to stop being poor.
The opposition of Prance and the United States to this plan is therefore to be deplored, but their desire for minimum labour standards, particularly for children. deserves support. It seems curious that these ideas appear to be seen as aitematives.

Millions of children are being robbed of their childhood and of their one chance of education by being made - sometimes forced to work, often in hazardons conditions or at risk of physical. mental or sexual abuse. In 1992 the International Labour Organisation launched its International Programme on the Elimination of Child Labour. Those Oxiam supporters (and others) could do worse than to urge Mr Clarke to give it his backing. BILL LINTON London N13

#### **Openness** at the **National Trust**

Sir: The agenda for the coming annual general meeting of the National Trust on 2 November includes a members' resolution which draws attention to the somewhat umusual status of members' resolutions at annual general meetings of the Trust.

The statutes of the Trust state clearly, no doubt for good reason, that the Trust is not bound by any vote taken on a members' resolution. Nevertheless, it is the custom for members to vote on such resolittions either by being present or by the use of mandated or unmandated votes.

At last year's annual general meeting, three different nonpolitical resolutions concerning the governance of the Trust and the preservation of its properties were supported by about 15,000 votes and opposed by about 50,000 votes (either mandated or unmandated).

As the voting is not binding on the Trust, the purpose of the vote is presumably purely advisory. Yet the Trust is unwilling to state how many of the 50,000 or so votes against the resolutions were mandated and how many unmandated (and presumably mainly cast at the discretion of the

chairman). Bearing in mind that the result of this voting is in no way binding on the Trust, it appears to us unfortunate that the Trust is unwilling to set out a more complete account of members' opinions. We therefore hope that

members will read the resolution urging more openness about the voting result on this year's agenda and then express their opinion either at the meeting or by a mandated proxy vote.
Earl KITCHENER of Khartoum Dr JOHN WILKS

#### Greenpeace did help on fridges

Sir: In creating the impression that fridge manufacturers would have adopted hydrocarbon (HC) refrigerants with or without the efforts of Greenpeace's campaigning, following the phase out of CFCs, Richard North conveniently ignores one or two

kev facts. When CFCs were phased out, European and British fridge manufacturers invested considerable resources in switching to hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs).

HFCs were launched as the final solution to environmentally damaging refrigerants because they do not damage the ozone layer. Yet they are greenhouse gases up to 1,800 times more powerful than carbon dioxide, and as such are vigorously opposed by Greenpeace.

Investment in new technology costs money and is not taken lightly. Already committed to HFCs, manufacturers would not have easily invested only a couple of years later in another

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technology. Clearly, the move to hydrocarbons only came as a result of consumers responding to Greenpeace campaigns and pressure on manufacturers from Greenpeace's constant publicity

and lobbying.
To imply that without
Greenpeace, HCs would have caught on anyway is either naive or in gross ignorance of the facts.
PAUL BLACKLOCK General Manager, Calor Gas Refrigeration Slough, Berkshire

#### Opposite Poles

Sir: Your feature on ethnic jokes ("Why did the Irishman break the rules?", 30 September) missed one point: there are jokes that can be understood in alternative

Here's one. In 1945, a joint Soviet-Polish commission is establishing a new frontier. There is a farm right on the line. They decide to ask the farmer for his preference. He replies that he

wants to be in Poland, because in Russia it's so cold in the winter. When I was first told this joke (in London) it was clearly meant to show that Poles are stupid. Later, in Poland, I tried it on my interpreter, a passionately patriotic

Polish woman. She beamed and said: "There you are - we Poles are so cunning,

MERVYN JONES London SW7

we can always make rings round the

Post letters to Letters to the Editor, and include a daytime telephone number. Fax: 0171-293 2056; e-mail: letters@independent.co.uk).

Recipe for Brown Sir: In answer to John White's question (Letters, 2 October)

about the Tories' "cooked books". Gordon Brown should make them public as part of a Freedom of Information Act, so that we can see what the real state of the country's economy is. **B COLEMAN** 

Painkillers over

Sir: Professor Sir David Carter's

view that the sale of paracetamol

sympathy ("Ban pain drug, says leading surgeon", 1 October). Pharmacists have consistently

when so few tablets can cause an overdose - paracetamol should be

so freely available in drugstores,

grocers and on garage forecourts.

professional.
The Medicines Control Agency

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We urge the MCA to rethink its

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how to use medicines safely and

Head of Public Affairs, the National

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#### Noll's mind Sir: Richard Noll's The Jung Cult, which has been widely discussed in

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the UK as well as in the US since its initial publication in 1994, is wholly unoriginal ("Carl Jung: a 'psychic pyramid seller ", 1 October). Freud and his earliest followers charged Jung with mysticism, selfdeification, and anti-Semitism. Rooting all of Jung's ideas in turnof-the-century occultist, nationalistic, and anti-Semitic Germanic cultural movements, as Noll does, is one-sided. Of course. Jung was keenly interested in cultural trends. But he was interested in them as projections of psychological states, not as political

Rather than yearning to restore a pristine, pagan, pre-Christian past, as Noll argues, Jung strove to forge a new, post-religious, post-Christian present. He sought not to revive an old religion but to establish psychology in place of religion. Jung's appeal has always been not to cultural Luddites but to scientifically minded moderns. Noll provides no evidence of any

cult turns out to be only the innocuous Analytical Psychology Club of Zurich. ROBERT A SEGAL Reader in Theory of Religion Lancaster University

secret Jungian organisation. The

#### 'Woman' is such a rude word

Sir: I am with Marie Paterson 100 per cent (letter, 1 October). The first culture shock today's British traveller gets when flying to the United States is to be greeted by the signs on the lavatory doors -"Men" and "Women" - at JFK airport. I am definitely a lady, and have been for nearly 70 years. Furthermore, I would not dream of referring to my faithful Mrs Mopp as a "cleaning woman". "Woman in my English usage, is rude and derogatory. JUNE TATHAM

Sir: I well remember the headmaster of the village school I attended, pulling up a pupil who referred to "ladies". He said: "There are no ladies, only men and women!" That was over 75 years ago. MOLLY BOWN Cambridge

London SW3

#### County counsel

Sir: I wish to correct a quotation attributed to me ("A new model candidate", 30 September). I am very proud of the results of my school, Bramcote Park School in Nottinghamshire - not Derbyshire as was mistakenly stated in a Labour Party document, which you quoted. LIZ BLACKMAN

Labour Parliamentary Spokeswoman for Erewash Chilwell, Nottinghamshire

#### Tunnel vision?

Sir: Last night, on a French radio station, I heard the Israeli ambassador to France affirm his government's belief in the peace process as, after so many years of conflict with its Arab neighbours, 'nous voulons voir la lumière au hout du tunnel" (we want to see the light at the end of the tunnel). A diplomatic metaphor? NICOLE MAXTED Timperley, Cheshire

# A queen who found herself left of the Tories



Elizabeth II always disliked Margaret Thatcher. But her distaste for harder-edged Toryism started with earlier prime ministers. In the first of three extracts from his new biography, Ben Pimiott looks at a ruler who has been a left-wing influence

because their roles seem conwhich had been easy, friendly ceased to be intimate occasions, and became brisk, formal ones. "Why does she always sit on the edge of her seat?" the Queen once asked a Tory peer. The queenly, even imperial, style of the Prime Minister, strengthened by the Falklands War, seemed to grow with the passage of time, as her electoral invincible. "She got grander

as a tedious waste of time. She fused; the Queen's style is more regarded trips to Balmoral as matter-of-fact and domestic, purgatory. "I don't think they while it is Mrs Thatcher (who is taller) who bears herself like a Queen," wrote Anthony "She was not at ease with it." Sampson in 1982. Audiences says a former close adviser. "It was symptomatic that, on the and even warm with Harold last day of the obligatory visit, Wilson and Jim Callaghan she would arrange to leave at 6am. She couldn't get away fast enough."

All this, however, was comparatively minor. What mattered much more - and lay beneath the resentment and irritation which characterised the attitude of No 10 staff, was the feeling that Buckingham Palace was alarmed by some of triumphs made her appear the things the Conservatives were doing. It was not, of

than did her government. opposition split and marginalised, the supremacy of the Conservative Party, and the apparent invincibility of its leader, provided scope for a centralised use of power far more autocratic than at the time of Lord Hailsham's famous Dimbleby lecture in 1976, when he had warned of an "elective dictatorship". For a monarchy that wanted

to stay outside the political arena, it was not a comfortable situation. One of the classic rustifications for an hereditary head of state was that he or she could provide a base of neutral common sense - performing the role, as the constitutional expert Sir Ivor Jennings put it at the beginning of the reign, of the "good solid citizen". Thus, the monarch was supposed to be part of the system of checks and balances, the more valuable because royal restraint could be applied behind the scenes. "To have such a person at the centre of affairs, cool, calm and judicious is a great advantage," explained Jen-nings, "especially with a brilliant but wayward Prime Min-

But what if the brilliant but wayward leader obtained a resounding mandate from the people? And what if the threat of waywardness came from the

account had been based on an assumption that any radical disturbance to the equilibrium would be left-wing. When the possibility was discussed, people thought fondly of the calming effect George V was imagined to have had on Labour after the First World War, or of George VI after the Second, even perhaps, of Elizabeth II and Harold Wilson.

Conservative waywardness was a new proposition. How should a monarchy that abhorred any kind of involvement in controversy respond to a sharp, confrontational shift in favour of the better-off? The question troubled the Queen's advisers on a number of occasions over the next few years, as royal attitudes that had previously been assumed to be consensual were challenged, and new, radically reforming doc-trines rocked the established

At first it was just a feeling, example of this difference

conventional but one that increased in occurred after the 1983 elec- Americans – about being so een based on an strength after the second Tory tion, at the time of a short-lived deliberately or carelessly victory; that monarch and pre-mier did not chime. There were several things that pushed them apart. Not just the style, but also the priorities, of the uncompromising premier raised questions at the Palace. The welfare monarchy", as Frank Prochaska has described it, did not find it easy to embrace a leader and an administration that treated welfare policies as

> n Commonwealth matters, the gap existed between the Queen and her govern-ment in the United Kingdom was more overt. There was never any doubt that the interests of Commonwealth countries, including poorer ones, concerned the monarch much more than they did British ministers. A minor, but significant

crisis involving Grenada, a Caribbean island with a population of less than 100,000, of which the Queen happened to be head of state. During the crisis, the Queen became concerned at a failure to tell her what was going on.
In one sense the problem

was well handled. Following an upheaval in which the Grenadian prime minister was killed, the governor-general of the island, Sir Paul Scoon, asked the US government, together with neighbouring Caribbean states, to send troops to restore order. An invasion was quickly and efficiently mounted and the objective was achieved. However, the Oneen as head of state had been neither consulted nor informed, by Scoon or any-

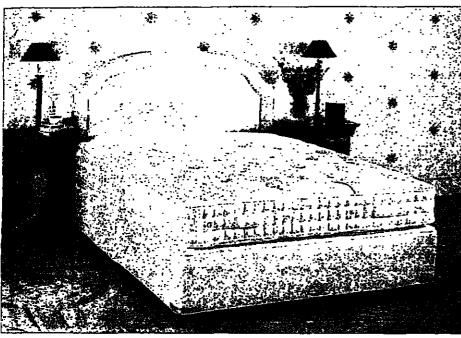
body else. The Queen was reported to be furious - as much with Mrs Thatcher as with Scoon or the

deliberately or carelessly ignored. The focus of the Queen's anger was the notion that foreign powers might walk into member states of the Commonwealth, especially without prior warning. And she was irri-tated with the Prime Minister for letting the Americans get away with it.

A further indication of the difference was presented in the Queen's 1983 Christmas broadcast, which showed the Queen reflecting on her experiences at the recent Commonwealth heads of government meeting in New Delhi. To the head of the Commonwealth and her staff, it seemed natural to highlight current developing-world

The greatest problem in the world today." the Queen declared, "remains the gap between rich and poor countries. and we shall not begin to close this gap until we hear less about nationalism and more about





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esterday morning I received a letter from Mr Topham of Herne Bay that started: This time I write via inkjet tinted with a hint of

That is as far as I got with the letter. I stopped there, not because I was afraid to find out why he was writing to me cholerically, but because of the sudden realisation that although I have often seen the word "choler" written down I ' have never, as far as I know, heard it used in

some good words in English irascibility, and one hearsthem all used from time to time, except perhaps "ire", but one never hears "choler". One sees it but one never hears it. Why not?

Well, because it is old-fashioned, of course. It belongs to a family of words like bile, gall, spleen, vapours, and so on, which are felt to belong to an outmoded part of medical history. "Choleric" is as out-of-date as the apoplectic 19th-century squire it conjures up, and words do go out of fashion quite quickly and irrevocably (you only have to think of other words that have become dated within living memory, such as "fab", "brill" and

"socialism").

But the real reason you don't hear people using the word "choler", I am sure, is that it sounds too much like "collar". When two words mean quite different things and yet sound identical, the odds are that one of them will slowly take second place

to the other. There really isn't much chance that you will seriously confuse "choler" and "collar", as they tend to be used in different contexts, yet, if I were to read out the beginning of Mr Topham's letter to an audience, when they heard the words "This time I write via inkjet tinted with a hint of choler", I do not think many listeners would straightaway

recognise "choler" as

I'm sorry, did I hear you correctly?

\*choler". Other examples? Certainly. If you see the word "kohl" written down, you probably know that it means a kind of powder used to darken the eyelids. But have you recently heard it referred to in conversation? Almost certainly you haven't, and it is equally almost certainly because in conversation it sounds like "coal" which, by coincidence, is another powdery dark substance which you would hate to have used on your eyelids.

Incidentally, I looked up "kohl" in a dictionary just now, just to make sure, you know, and there I encountered several other

unless we are playing Call My Bluff. For the first time in my life I have encountered "Koff". meaning a two-masted Dutch fishing vessel. "Koel", meaning a kind of Asian cuckoo. "Kob", meaning water-antelope, and "Koan", which apparently means a problem with no logical answer, used for meditation by Zen Buddhists. (That must include the old Zen problem. "What is the sound

never use in conversation.

of one hand clapping?"
Wasn't it comedian Shelley Berman who said, "I know that sound far too well"?) Those words are unused partly because we talk so rarely about Dutch fishing boats, and Asian cuckoos, and water-antelope, but above all, surely, because the words would cause real confusion with "cough' and "coal" or "kohi", with "cob" and with "Cohen", a possible confusion that is cnough to condemn many words to extinction. The word "dolour", again, is never used these days, even though its French cousin

"douleur" is still thriving.

and I think it must have something to do with the fact that it sounds just like "dollar". You see "discrete" written down but you hardly ever hear it spoken, and that must be because of confusion with "discreet". The useful word for the

worldwide Jewish community. "Jewry", is heard less and less, and this must be because it sounds like "jury". Of all the scabirds I hear talked about, three of the

least mentioned are skuas, terns and petrels. Is it a coincidence that they sound oddly and confusingly like skewers, turns and petrols? (There is a great store-house of British humour depending on these

misunderstandings, of course, whether involving accidental jokes such as 'Gladly the cross-eyed bear" or deliberate misunderstandings along the lines of "Jamaica?" "No, she went of her own accord.")

Still that's enough time spent on the first line of Mr Topham's letter. Now on to the second line. Well, some other time, perhaps.

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friend who lives at the fashionable end of 🔼 Islington got a bang on the knocker the other day. Two tough-looking bikers stood there, all leathers and jeans, and explained they were policemen. Could they, they said, ask him about a stakeout? The classy, Mingand-Meissen antique shop across the road from his penthouse flat was being targeted by local ram-raiding villains, they said, and they needed to use his front room as a surveillance point from which they could organise instant retaliation. Fair

enough, said my friend, always glad to help the pigs (he's a: reformed student radical). So the next evening, three of them piled into his living room, bustled him out of the way, set up a camera, zoom lens, ultraviolet filter, taperecorder, headphones, you name it, and hung out by the curtains, moving discreetly so to conceal the fact that a

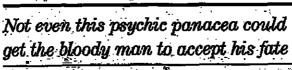
troika of enormous flatfeet were lurking inside. Knowing the low habits of the Metropolitan Police (well he'd seen Prime Suspect I, II and III), my chum stopped off at Oddbins for a six-pack of pictures of foxy babes in swimwear on the side) and a pack of pork scratchings for

Back at the flat, they were settling in nicely, cameras trained, radios crackling: But when they saw the cans of Tennants, they all but laughed in his face. And from out of a capacious tote-bag, they drew two bottles of rather superior Burguady and three glasses. After a bit of murmuring and sinicing ("minni, nice oaky finish, not as plummy as your usual pinot noir ... ") they drank contentedly. conversation turned to left-

wing policies and, by the time my friend left to stay over at his girlfriend's, the place. resembled less a stakeout than a soirée at Granita. When he returned, the flat was spotless. Later, two more bottles of posh Burgundy arrived as a thank-you.

Can this really be the new face of the Met? Not quite. The cops turned out to be from a neighbouring Regional Crime Squad, who consider themselves something of an élite corps, especially in comparison with their thickear London counterparts. Tennants Extra (the ones with Why, they never travel

the officers to while away the



anywhere without a corkscrew and a copy of Hugh Johnson's Wine Guide ...

alking of drinks, have you seen that initating 1 roadside advertisement, suggesting, as if you cared, "What to do whilst the Wexford settles ... " and encouraging you to try a pint of the "Irish Cream Ale" named after the eastern county of the republic. It arrived only a week or so after the hoardings went up for something called Kilkenny, also advertised as "Irish Cream Ale". Both of them follow a campaign to launch Caffreys, yet another hish Cream Ale" that, I understand, makes you

terribly drunk very quickly "Caffreys" is not, as far as I know, an Irish county, nor even an Irish town, but I expect it will soon be renamed "Cavan" or "Donegal", if only to compete with the imminent arrival of Limerick Lager, Ballyhaunis Bitter and Lisdoonvarna Lite. All the new drinks are beery variants of Guinness stout. presumably for people who can't stand drinking black limids, and Fve no quarrel with that. I just wish someone could point out to guilible Celtiphiles that there was never such a thing as "Irish

Cream Ale" until this

marketing war started; that

Irish people generally drink

Smithwicks or whiskey, but nothing else, and that I'm willing to bet a fiver to a firkin that you could scour the streets of Wexford and Kilkenny without discovering a thimbleful of either eponymous brew in the hands of the locals. There now. Pint of Liffey, please, Seamus. mid all the exciting

revelations about the Duchess of York this week - her interest in alfresco groinal conjunctions with Texan millionaires, her extraordinary hope that the Prince of Wales "would not go on much longer in this life" - it saddens me that not everybody feels wholly convinced of the bona fides of Mrs Vasso Kortesis, the talented visionary who has so helped relieve the duchess of psychological stress by tape-recording her secrets and then flogging them to the Daily Mirror. The Times, for instance, with its usual poohpooling philistine stuffiness, refers to her ungallantly as a self-styled clairvoyant". How can they be so blind? A glance at those photographs of Madame Vasso sitting demurely under a blue plastic

pyramid - looking somewhere

almost frightening in its plausibility. But the clincher comes from an ex-client of Mrs Kortesis, one Theresa Artigues, who paid the Greek oracle £6,000 to bring back her bolted boyfriend Tito. The oracle gave her six mystic candles (from John Lewis, £1.99 each) and told her to burn them in her bathroom as This treatment cost £1,000 plus £30 for the candles). When the unreliable Tito

she stood naked in front of a mirror invoking Tito's name. failed to reappear, Mrs K gave her a black bath-plug and told her to sit cross-legged in the bath burning a bit of it every evening until it vanished. The bill for this was £500. Tragically, not even this psychic panacea could get the bloody man to accept his fate. "I don't believe Vasso has any real psychic powers," says Ms

Artigues now. Possibly not.

But she's got a wonderful

sense of humour.

#### Siding with pro-sanctions position, she believed that a compromise was essential if the association SuperMac image of the head of state. ward countrywoman, a late-middle-aged grandmother who is most at ease when she is calkher big error Downing Street when provoked." Furthermore, provocation was much more likely to

n the autumn of 1963 Harold Macmillan was Contrary to what might have been imagined, on a whole range of issues the Monarch's thinking was left of centre. Like dithering about resign-ing. He could not bear her eldest son, she was worried to think he was disnensable. More than that, he about race relations and innercity decay in Britain - and was desperate that his deputy, shared many of Charles's ideas Rab Builer, should not succeed about the Government's duties him as prime minister. Then on towards less privileged people. 8 September, in serious pain, he Indeed, her outlook on such matters placed her, in effect, was admitted to hospital for an immediate prostate operation. among the Conservative Party's From his sickbed he set about manipulating the succession. ultra-wets, or even alongside

It was at this point that Macmillan wrote a "minute of instruction" for a consultation procedure, to be read by Butler, as Deputy Prime Minister, to Cabinet next day. So here was a novelty within a novelty. Where Churchill had declined to advise the Queen at all, and Eden had advised her about who should advise her, Macmillan took it upon himself to be rule-maker, appointer of sounders-out, and

final judge of the outcome. At the end of the brief process he dictated a memorandum for presentation to the Queen.

"should she ask for my advice". This was, of course, tendentious: everybody by now knew that she would ask for it. son for concern was that the Macmillan had already arranged with the Queen's private secretary, Sir Michael ficulties in a Cabinet divided on Adeane, that as soon as the ailing PM was ready to advise her on his successor, the Oueen should visit him in hospital and "because she thought they accept his resignation and receive his advice.

would be damaging to her."

Immediately, the himt was on When the Queen arrived at for the source of the leak inside the hospital for a half-hour farethe Palace. The following day well meeting it was to be the there was a limited Palace most remarkable audience in admission which acknowledged modern monarchical history. that the Queen's press secretary, Constitutionally, there was no Michael Shea, had indeed sponeed for it to take place at all. ken several times to Simon Free-It occamied a curious no-man's man, a Sunday Times reporter. land - it was not, emphatically, Once it became clear that the the same as the final audiences Queen herself was not involved, given by the Queen to Churchill talk of a constitutional crisis and Eden, at each of which the faded. A few months later Shea outgoing premier had declined to offer "advice" about a

> In Macmillan's case, there was a difference between the moment when the audience was arranged - during his premiership, when his advice was binding, and his recommenda-

Tomorrow: Crisis in

the family

Edited extracts from The Queen
By Ben Pimlott

Abridged by Paul Vallely

between Mrs Gertrude

and the madame of an

extremely small brothel -

Shilling, the Ascot big-hat lady,

would convince anyone of her

sincerity. As for her prediction

that the Duchess would meet a

"stranger" who would be "tall,

dark and handsome", well, it's

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tions unlikely to be disobeyed - and when it took place, when he had lost all constitutional authority, a point of which the monarch was firmly reminded in the car on the way back to the palace by Adeane, who stressed that as the advice was 'non-constitutional" she did

not have to take it. There is no sign, however, that she did not wish to. On the contrary, she seems to have been perfectly happy with the choice. In part this was because,

She loved Alec.

They talked about dogs and shooting. They were the same sort of people, like old school friends

as Adeane told one journalist just before the hospital audience, it was the duty of the sovereign only to find a premier who could command a Commons majority - she had no obligation to seek, or find, the best prime minister. But it was also, as one former courtier puts it, that Macmillan was 'pushing at an open door" as far as the Oueen was concerned - a point which may have crossed the ex-premier's mind as he raked around for a stop-Butler candidate. She seems to have found Butler too remote and complex for her taste.

"Rab wasn't her cup of tea," suggests an aide. "When she got the advice to call Alec she thought 'Thank God'. She loved Alec - he was an old friend. They talked about dogs and shooting together. They

were both Scottish landowners the same sort of people, like old she knew that she was "constitutionally justified in sending for Rab", she felt no temptation whatsoever to do so.

At the time there was little direct criticism of the Queen. The convention of political discussion, particularly firm on the Conservative side, was that the sovereign was above reproach. As important was the feeling in the pro-Butler camp that Macmillan was the main villain, and that once his advice had been given it was hard to refuse. There was also a recognition that the Queen was not, in any

sense, the instigator.

But should she be blamed retrospectively? The choice of selection method and the decision to abide by its result were political acts - and political acts have to be judged both by intentions and results. The effect of the confusion which resulted was to end for ever the monarch's discretionary power over the mid-term appointment of a prime minister, except in the most exceptional of hypothetical circumstances. This was the opposite of the intention of the Queen - who, indeed, allowed herself to be duped by Macmillan, a stillengaged politician with personal concerns of his own Enoch Powell later accused Macmillan of "having deprived the Queen of her principal pre-rogative ... deliberately" (and,

in retrospect, conclusively). He might also, however, have accused the Queen of co-operating in her own deprivation. For this - and for the appointment of a premier who, though he fulfilled the requirements of the moment, was felt by most people within and outside the Conservative Party to have been a less satisfactory choice than Butler - the Queen and her Palace advisers were partly culpable.

Her decision to opt for pas sivity and, in effect, to collude with Macmillan's scheme for blocking the deputy premier, must be counted the biggest political misjudgement of her

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interdependence." One of the main aims of the Commonwealth, she went on, was "to make an effective contribution

towards redressing the economic balance between A few years before, such a display of royal interest in the Commonwealth might have passed without comment. However times bad changed, and the Palace had failed to take account of post-election tri-

umphalism on the British right. Who had induced the monarch, the right asked, to voice such dubiously socialistic sentiments? Redistribution had an obvious appeal to poorer Commonwealth countries. But it was not, critics pointed out, the policy of Her Majesty's Government in London. The Times. in high Thatcherite mode, warned that too independent an interpretation of the title "Head of the Commonwealth", unsanctioned by ministerial advice, could threaten

the stability of the monarchy.

of other countries in other congreat mass of her subjects.

in their new order.

The same point was made with particular force by Enoch Powell who attacked unnamed "ministers" for outting into the mouth of the Sovereign speeches which suggest that she had the interests and affairs

tinents as much or more at heart than those of her own people", and for implying that even in the United Kingdom she was more concerned with the view of "a vociferous minority of newcomers" than with the

its trappings, cost, and con-stitutional role - and its place

Others, especially among younger New Right radicals, began to link an impatience with the political priorities of a feeling that the Commonwealth had outlived its usefulness, with an asking of questions about the monarchy itself

Here was an irony: a probing

ciples, and of the institution that lay at their core, from the most zealous element within the party which, for centuries, had been its most devoted defender. The argument, however, was not just constitutional: it related to the broad ideological aims of the New Right. The old Conservatism had drawn insoiration from the sense of a stable social hierarchy, with the Queen at its pinnacle. The neo-liberal version was socially egalitarian. In the Prime Minister's New Model Army, it was a point of doctrine that social Darwinian toughness towards the poor and

Thatcher word - "wer", and

of hallowed constitutional prin-

unsuccessful should be combined with a rejection of uncarned privilege.

The old Conservatism had been led by anistocrats. Thatcherism, by contrast drew its vigour from a lower-middle class work ethic. It regarded aristocracy as decadent and -a

as saying that the Queen believed the British Government should be more caring towards less privileged people: that she had feared during the 1984 miners' strike that serious long-term damage was being done to the social fabric of the nation; that she had had doubts about the Prime Minister's decision to allow the Americans to use British air bases for a raid on Libya in April 1986 (doubts which had, indeed, been rumoured in the press at the time); and that she was concerned that the whole direction of government policy threatened to undermine the "con-

tended to see the Royal Fam-

sensus in British politics which she thinks has served the country well since the Second World Thus, the Queen's unhappiness by no means simply related to the most recent controversy over sanctions. And, apparently, it was not an accident that the revelation took place while were under discussion. The Queen had become deeply concerned that the Common-

ily as composed of, and advised

by, upper-class people who were improductively wealthy.

The objection, indeed, was

remarkably similar to that of the traditional left since the

other things, having a pater-nalist attitude towards the

badly-off, and holding a senti-mental belief that in a morally healthy and united society the

well-off should be asked to give the badly-off a helping hand. The new Conservatives, noting Mrs Thatcher's indifference to

the Queen's role, and observing the Queen's sympathy for poorer Commonwealth coun-

tries, concluded that weiness

was rampant in Buckingham

Palace itself. Thus the fashion-

able view developed that the

monarchy - like the episcopacy, and the House of Lords - was

part of the problem which it was the mission of radical Con-

It was against such a back-

ground of rumour and contro-

versy that a bombshell

exploded. On July 20th, the

Sunday Times boldly reported

the most fundamental dis-

agreement between a British

monarch and the prime minis-ter of the United Kingdom for

50 years. "Sources close to the

Queen," wrote the paper, had the previous day disclosed Her

Majesty's dismay at the policies of the Prime Minister - a dis-

may which went far beyond the

crisis current in the Common-

wealth over South Africa.

Describing the revelation as

"an unprecedented disclosure

of the Monarch's political views", the paper claimed to

have irrefutable evidence that

the Queen considered the

whole approach of her prime

minister to be "uncaring, con-frontational and socially divi-

Usually, stories that pur-

ported to describe royal atti-

tudes were vague about their

point of origin. This one was precise. It was based on several

briefings by advisers to the

Queen who were fully aware

that the information would be

about its likely implies. The

information was also specific.

The same sources were quoted

servatism to solve.

'Wetness' meant, among

19th century.

necessarily an advocate of the

It offered a startling new

"Far from being a straightfor-

ing about horses and dogs," the paper asserted, "the Queen is an astnte political infighter who

is quite prepared to take on

come from the right than from

the SDP-Liberal Alliance. In

sum, the Queen was a moder-

ate, a Mountbattenite, who -

according to an unnamed close

adviser - was, above all, "con-

cerned that nothing detracts

Monarch to "give the same anti-racialist lead" - and sug-

gested that the conflict between

the two women was real.

According to one source, the

Prime Minister was "knocked

sideways by it; she was very

down in the mouth". One rea

report of a Palace-Downing

Street rift heightened her dif-

the sanctions issue. "She was distressed by the stories,"

according to a close adviser,

Yet the story did not come

out of the blue. It aroused

interest only because it con-

firmed what many people had

come to think. The Oueen her-

self remained unfailingly dis-

creet. But the occasional raised

eyebrow, conversation brought

abruptly to a close, or expres-

sion of concern about a state or

group of people who Mrs

Thatcher considered to be of

little account, conveyed a feel-

ing to those who met the

left the Palace.

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sis seemed possi-

ble. David Owen,

leader of the

- Alliance, urged the

from the Commonwealth".

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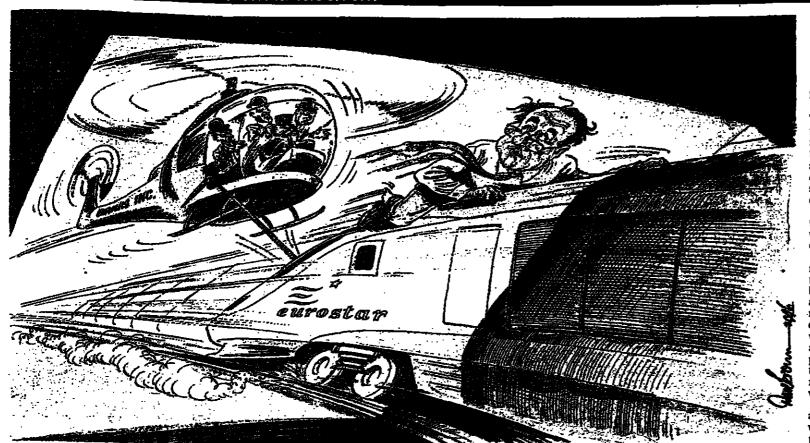
Queen, and through them the

public, that the claims were not far from the mark.

In the years that followed the theme did not go away: and a new generation of radical Conservatives found less and less reason to link their political commitment to an automatic

wealth might break up on the issue. While she herself was not either Guinness or

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#### Mission Impossible: Sir Alastair gets the banks in tow (with apologies to Tom Cruise)

MICHAEL HARRISON

The board of Eurotunnel last night approved a deal to refinance its £8bn debt mountain that sharply dilutes existing shareholders but leaves them in control for the time being and saves the Channel tunnel

operator from receivership. Eurotunnel said yesterday that it had reached agreement with its banks on the basic principles of the restructuring plan".

Under the refinancing agreement, the banks will swop a portion of their debt - likely to be between £2.5bn and £3bn - for a 49 per cent stake in Eurotunnel. There will also be an issue of convertible bonds which would enable the banks to take a majority shareholding of 75-80 per cent although Eurotunnel is thought to have held out for the right to redeem the bonds provided financial targets are met.

Details of the deal will not be announced until early next week but it is thought that the price at which the banks will

Sun Life

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convert their debt into equity is less than 150p per share.

Eurotunnel's co-chairmen, Sir Alastair Morton and Patrick Ponsolle, had been pressing for the conversion to take place at around the 265p price that it last issued shares in its 1994 rights issue. But the banks have been insisting that the conversion price should be based on Eurotunnel's market price. The shares stood at 115p before trading was suspended on Mon-

day morning. A source close to the negotiations said: "You can take it that the conversion price is closer to the banks' figure than Eurotunnel's."

Other elements of the debt for equity swap are thought to include share warrants and stabilisation notes which repay debt from a percentage of the tunnel's cash flow.

The deal, thrashed out by Eurotunnel and a steering group of six lenders, representing Eurotunnel's 225-strong banking syndicate, should allow shares

in the company to resume trad-

ing early next week.

However, Eurotunnel's 750,000 shareholders will not be able to vote on the restructuring until early next year while it might take until March or April to get the agreement ratified by all

members of the syndicate.

Despite the dilution that existing shareholders will suffer and a warning from the French shareholders group Adacte that it would oppose the restructuring, a Eurotunnel source said: We would not have agreed to this deal if we did not have more than a sporting chance of sell-ing it to our shareholders."

Other Eurotunnel sources have likened the task of reaching agreement to "Mission Impossible". Negotiations began a year ago when Eurotunnel uni-laterally suspended interest pay-ments on its debts, then running at £1m a day. Sir Alastair said a month ago that he would give it until the end of October to reach agreement with the bank and then retire.

Free shares for members as life insurer confirms its stock market decision, but will they benefit in the long term?

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# Norwich Union to seek £4.5bn shares listing

NIC CICUTTI and PETER RODGERS

Norwich Union, one of the UK's oldest insurers, yesterday announced plans to become the first mutually owned life company to seek a stock market flotation, giving its 2.9 million members a shares payout worth at least £500 each.

The company said its plans, due to be implemented before summer next year, were aimed at creating better value for policyholders, while also giving it greater scope for expansion.

Allan Bridgewater, group at Norwici Union, said: "This is a good day for [our] members. Norwich Union will be well placed to take full advantage of the substantial opportunities emerging as demographic changes increase the need for private funding of retirement and other welfare benefits.

Mr Bridgewater refused to comment on the likely valuation of the company, claiming this was dependent on stock market sentiment next year.

Experts suggested the com-pany would be valued at up to £4.5bn, with £2bn handed out in free shares and the rest being raised by the issue of more shares on flotation.

Among the policyholders qualifying for shares are those with life and term assurance cover, both with-profits and unit-linked policies, personal pensions and annuity holders. Company pension schemes will count as one member. Each will receive a share allocation

based on the size of its overall pot, up to an unspecified maxum. Qualifying members will be given the right to buy an additional amount of shares at a

preferential price. bonanza will be the company's motor, household and other general insurance policyholders, 600,000 health and medical insurance members, unit trust and PEP investors.

Norwich Union also an-



Allan Bridgewater: 'This is a good day for our members'

nounced plans to shut out socalled "carpetbaggers" by declaring that policies issued from vesterday would not qualify for the handout.

Because of the time needed to prepare for a flotation next year, Norwich needs to dispatch an outline proposal to members immediately.

A full circular will be mailed in the spring of 1997, with an extraordinary general meeting expected about one month lat-

er. By then postal votes will have been counted and, if in favour, High Court approval will be sought for the float. A full list-

ing is expected by the summer.
About 15,000 policyholders Those not benefiting from the whose plans mature between now and flotation next year will not qualify for shares. However, the company said yesterday that an extra bonus would be declared on most with-profit life and pensions policies maturing before that time.

Mr Bridgewater said the rationale for the float was that the company's general insurance business, which contributed about 40 per cent of UK. mium income, was owned by the life fund and made up about 6 per cent of its value.

"General insurance has been profitable over the long term, but there has still been a significant exposure to the risks of volatility and the cyclical nature of the business," he said. In addition, the Department

of Trade and Industry, which controls the valuation of life fund subsidiaries, valued Norwich Union's general insurance business at £480m. This was £250m less than the subsidiary's net assets, and affected the company's financial strength and therefore the ability to invest its funds as appropriate.

Flotation would also give

Norwich Union access to capital it needed to expand its activities, Mr Bridgewater said. Mr Bridgewater said staff reductions were not likely. An information line has been set up on 0645 444818.

Mutuals score best against the rest

and NIC CICUTTI Norwich Union is among a large number of mutual life insurers serving their policyholders better than competitors set up as conventional companies owned by outside shareholders. An analysis exclusively for

PETER RODGERS

The Independent by John Chapman, a former senior official at the Office of Fair Trading, shows that at the top of perals outnumber proprietary companies by a wide margin. They also represent a minority of insurers at the bottom.

The excellent performance of mutuals raises fundamental questions about whose interests are being served by the trend towards abandoning this long-es-tablished form of ownership.

As a mutual society, owned by its members, Norwich Union has given its policyholders among the best returns in the industry. Some of the bestknown names among the conventional companies, such as Royal Insurance and the Pru, are among the worst performers for their policyholders. There are difficulties in using

raw data on cash payouts from policies to compare performance because they do not show how much a company pays for early or mid-term surrender - 70 per cent of policyholders cash in before maturity. Mr Chapman, who retired

this year from the OFT after writing several reports on the life industry, has developed a sophisticated analysis that allows for this. He has ranked 15 products including 25-year mortgage repayment policies, regular meanium and single premium pensions and unit

linked investments. Mr Chapman's results confirm that mutual insurers are far more likely than proprietary companies to be top-rank perbe near the bottom.

He said: "This shows the strength of the mutuals. After only the companies' projecall, they ought to outperform

Combining these two ratings reveals which companies can back their projections of above average-future returns by point-INE TO ADOVE formance.

Mr Chapman ranks compa-

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He also ranks products using tions of future returns. These re-

Their excellent performance raises questions about who is being served

the proprietary companies. They do not have to give away 10 per cent of their earnings in transfers to shareholders. Three of the top four in Mr

Chapman's rankings - Equi-table Life, Norwich Union and Standard Life - are mutuals. Six of the top 10 are also mutuals, and a further company, Scottish Mutual, was mutual until four years ago.

At the other end of the scale. four of the bottom five are promietary companies and they are among the biggest names -Royal, Sun Life, the Pru and flect their ambitions, but often are not supported by past per-formance. The end result is, however, very similar: four of the top five are mutuals and four of the bottom five are

proprietary. Mr Chapman's mutual versus proprietary company rankings start with company data prepared by the magazine Money Marketing, which has adopted his analytical methods.

The primary determinant of policyholder returns, whatever stage up to maturity they cash in their policies, is the total amount of charges levied by the insurers on their customers over the years.

Investment performance is also important. But the charges reduce the overall yield by varying amounts, from 1 per cent a year to 5 per cent a year at maturity and for those cashed in early the reduction can be 10 per cent a year or more.

It takes a truly miraculous investment performance to overcome the handicap of higher charges over a period of years. by the insurers of how much

their policies are worth at various stages up to maturity give the best measure of charges. Financial regulators insist these are based on standardised

estimates of investment returns. Therefore the differences in the projections reflect variations companies' charges. Mr Chapman combines pro-

jected future performance with actual past performance, thus ranking them (in the first column of each table) by the number of products above average on both scores. If companies promising good returns have done well in the past, this gives credibility to their projections.

The second column is based on companies' future projections alone, but it still confirms the success of the mutuals.

The process has been repeated with companies that score worse than average, to give a similar ranking at the opposite end of the scale.

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Brent Walker's solicitors. Even-

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vestigation and Anderson was

well rewarded", said Mr Rook.

The trial continues today.

# **Footsie** surges beyond

TOM STEVENSON City Editor

The FTSE 100 index of leading shares broke through the psy-chologically important 4,000 barrier for the first time yesterday amid optimism that economic growth and subducd inflation would mean higher corporate profits in the fore, seeable future.

The index closed 22.9 points higher at 4015.1, having pushed through 4,000 in the opening minutes of trading. More than 750 million shares changed hands, in heavier trading than in recent weeks when rises have often reflected dealers squaring their books rather than much underlying demand.

Shares were given a boost by falling bond yields as confidence grew that interest rates in the UK were not about to rise and expectations that rates in

Attention focused on where he market would head now it had broken through 4,000, with the debate in the City hotting up between bears, such as PDFM's Tony Dye, who have staked their reputations and billions of pounds of their clients' money on a major correction, and those who believe the market has further to go.

Peter Sullivan, a strategist at Goldman Sachs, said: "There are two conflicting forces at work. Market valuations look above any estimate of fair value, but against that there is a very positive economic outlook with above-average growth and lower-than-average inflation."

He said markets often re-mained either above or below fair value for extended periods. Goldman Sachs expects the market to be slighter lower in 12 months' time at 3,950 but does not rule out further riges in the short term.

On the basis of Goldman Sachs models, the London market is, on some measures, more expensive than when it peaked in July 1987, just before the crash that October. The average prospective price/earnings ratio of 15.2 compares with 14.7 in July 1987 and a long-term av-

erage of 12.6.
On the dividend yield, however, the market does not look stretched. Compared with the 3.8 per cent yield in 1987, shares now offer a 4.2 per cent yield.

# Brent Walker man 'paid £500,000 for hiding false profits'

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A Brent Walker executive was paid a £500,000 "reward" for orchestrating a "massive coverup" of millions of pounds of false profits in the company's leisure and entertainment empire, a court heard vesterday. Auditors, solicitors and investigators were lied to, and fictitious documents created to back up the falsehoods, it was

claimed. Money was laundered Rook told the jury they would through a "tortuous" route in- see that, figuratively speaking, volving America and the Bahamas. Southwark Crown Court was told.

The exercise even included appointing a dead man to head company, said Peter Rook QC, prosecuting.

Architect of the cover-up was Donald Anderson, a former finance director of Brent Walker's film and television arm. Goldcrest, he claimed. Mr

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the 43-year-old chartered accountant's fingerprints were all over the concealment operation. Mr Anderson, of Tudor Lodge, The Green, Richmond, Surrey, denies one count of at-

of justice between 1 August 1988 and 23 October 1990. Mr Rook said Mr Anderson, who joined Brent Walker in 1987 and allegedly took part in

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the later stages of the false profit taking, "played a key role as architect of the cover-up". "Time and time again, when one looks carefully at the evidence, we find documents in relation to the cover-up which have

strong links to Mr Anderson. Mr Rook said. They included a "blueprint" of the operation on his computer at Goldcrest. Two schedules in his handwriting were recovered and shed light on his

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involvement in the alleged lann-dering of £12.5m of Brent Walker money, Mr Rook said. Mr Rook said an article pub

lished in The Independent said a Jersey-based offshore company, Universal Talent Management, was involved in the alse profit-taking.
It was controlled by Brent

Walker executive John Quested, but after the publicity it was moved to the Bahamas and a

was dead ... a convenient per-son to be put forward because he would not be around to answer questions," Mr Rook said. The Inland Revenue launched an inquiry into Brent Walker's finances, and by De-cember 1988 the Serious Fraud

that it was headed by a man called John Love. "Why was

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#### Office was conducting an investigation. Anderson allegedfalse "cover story" put forward Vesterary Change Year Ago \$ (London) 1.5675 +0.29c 1.5826 £ (London) 0.6380 -0.11 0.6322 \$ (N York) ± 1.5630 unch 1.5817 £ (N York) + 0.6398 unch 0.6319 DM (London) 2.3935 +0.63nt 2.2717 DM (London) 1.5270 +0.12pt 1.4363 ¥ (London) 175.168 + Y1.036 159.831 ¥ (London) 111,750 + Y0.455 101.050 87.3 +0.3 85.2 \$ Index 97.6 \_+0.1 94.1 OTHER INDICATORS telering Bay's chy Year Ago lader Latest Yr Ago Rest Figs 23.28 +0.25 16.02 153.1+2.1pt 149.9 10 Oct 380.40 +1.70 382.95 108.1+2.27pc105.7 25.0ct 242.68 +0.64 242.10

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# Why leave these mutual benefits behind?

A llan Bridgewater, chief executive of Norwich Union, puts his case for demutualisation and flotation on the stock maricyholders is a much more difficult and comforced on Norwich by financial weakness in ket in such a compelling and plausible manner that it seems almost churish to challenge him. There's no-one else to do if, how-

ever, so here goes anyway. First, here's why Mr Bridgewater believes this is the way to go. He is not against the mutual structure of ownership as such, he insists; it is only that it has become inappropriate (always a nice word that) for a company such as Norwich Union, which with its substantial general and healthcare insurance business is much more akin to a composite insurer than a traditional life mutual.

According to Mr Bridgewater, this general insurance business sits uneasily in a with-profits mutually owned life fund. It is cyclical and volatile and therefore a source of some danger to the life fund, he claims. Moreover, the Department of Trade and Industry values it at just £480m for the purposes of the fund, when on the open market it would probably be worth three or four times that amount. Policyholders are thus exposed to an inappropriate business which is failing to deliver value. Up to a point all this is true, but whether

it justifies going through the whole caboo-die of demutualisation is another thing. The promised free shares are a nice little windfall ahead of the summer hols, but set against the long-term value of an endowment policy, even the top whack of perhaps £2,000 significantly, being promised any more

plex one than it has been for building society members.

As our tables opposite show, there do seem to be real and tangible benefits derived from the mutual structure of ownership for life policy holders. It is by no means clear that they gain anything from conversion. Indeed the evidence is rather the reverse. Ah, but it will be different with us, says Norwich Union, which is admittedly already one of the top performers with one of the most efficient cost structures in the business. The point is, however, that it has achieved this position as a mutual, not as a joint stock company. Indeed, the proprietary structure seems on the evidence positively to encour-age inefficiency and excessive costs. In the worst cases, these companies are little more than commission-driven rip-off operations, designed to enrich their shareholders and employees. No one would suggest that Nor-wich Union might become like that, but it is as certain as night follows day that in future it will be shareholders that manage

Beyond the free shares, it is hard to see what Norwich Union members gain from this exercise. Despite realising what will presumably be a full value for the general in-

ment works for primarily and not policy-

the life fund, which needs recapitalising even

to meet "existing expectations".

But part of the answer must also lie in Mr Bridgewater's belief that plc status is the most effective corporate structure to achieve "our business objectives". Whilst these are no doubt noble and worthy, it scarcely needs saying that they are not a good reason for converting. Whatever the Norwich board has in mind for the general aggrandisement of East Anglia, it is largely irrelevant to poli-

cy holders' interests In the end, policy holders need only ask themselves one question. Why should they give up a structure which appears to have served their interests far better over the years than the proprietary form of ownership they are being invited to convert into? Certainly we need better answers to this question than we have had. But let's not be naive about this. Regardless of whether Norwich can improve its case, short termism will triumph, and the free shares will be enough to persuade members to vote this through.

Channel tunnel is a licence to print money

Yippee. Tahiti here we come. Sir Alastair Morton may find himself short of peo-ple to pick fights with in the South Pacific.

tunnel from the aliyss (again).

Never mind, he and Eurotunnel's shareholders can content themselves instead by reflecting on a job done, who knows, perhaps even well done.

We do not yet have the details of how Eurotunnel's £8bn debt burden is being redistributed. As usual in cases like this, it will not be a pretty sight for shareholders, who began with such big promises and high hopes and now find themselves with an unpleasant case of dilution on the high seas.

But we do at least know that shareholders will still be affoat and left clutching more than just their free travel perks when the restructuring plan bobs to the surface in the next few days. Ever since he decided to stop making the loan repayments a year ago Sir Alastair has been repeating a couple of familiar adages: We're In This Together and No Gain Without Pain.

He has been around bankers long enough to know that if there is one thing that they hate, it is running businesses as opposed to telling others how to do it. And he has played his hand well. Moreover, pulling the plug on Eurotunnel would not have gained the banks a single extra penny of revenue while leaving them with 750,000 aggrieved share-holders to placate, many of them customers in another life..

The price at which their debt is likely to be swapped may not be as attractive as it ! ha pworth of tar.

whence he intends to go to unwind after his could have been six months ago but it Herculean efforts in rescuing the Channel stands comparison well with the price at which Eurotunnel last issued equity two years ago.

What's more there are a series of carrots to give both sides the incentive to make the most of the tunnel, If Sir Alastair's successors can meet performance targets, they will probably keep control. The virtue is that the better they do they more likely they are to hang on and the bigger becomes the cashflow to service investors new and old.lt may have taken Eurotunnel the best part of a decade to get to the point where its finances are on an even keel. But one thing is cer-

Now they are the Channel tunnel will increasingly become a licence to print money. Eurotunnel is already at the point where it is making operating profits after depreciation but before financing costs. Once the ferries have consolidated and

prices have hardened and Eurotunnel is shorn of the debt it could never service, the tunnel will be a lucrative proposition indeed.

Undoubtedly, there will be elements in the banking syndicate who are tempted to hold out in the hills in the hope of wringing a little more out of Eurotunnel shareholders. With a syndicate spread out across 225 lenders in 17 countries, it would be amazing if that were not the case.

They should bear in mind another adage: it ain't worth spoiling the ship for a

# \$2bn takeover bid for TNT shakes up Australian market

TOM STEVENSON City Editor -

RPN, the largest postal and telecommunications company in Holland, yesterday launched one of the biggest takeover Mr Dik said. "It fits nicely in the bids ever seen in Australia strategy we have outlined to when it tabled an A\$2bn (£1.02bu) offer to buy TNT, the Australian transport company. The bid, which would create

one of the four largest transport companies in the world, has been unanimously recommended by TNT's board. TNT TNT shares soared 80 cents, or has been performing poorly in 49 per cent, to close at A\$2.43.

" David Mortimer, TNT's chief " jumped higher as news of the : Britain, France, the Minericas executive, said yesterday: "This bid was absorbed-Dealers wel- Australia and Asia; KPN's PTT proposal represents an outstanding opportunity to create a strong global transportation

Speaking in Sydney, Wim Dik, chief executive of KPN, said one of KPN's key objectives from the proposed takeover would be to expand in Asia. The Dutch company, which until 1989 was owned by the Netherlands government, has a wide presence in Europe and is listto the rapidly expanding Asian market is limited.

"This is a gigantic step for us," Mr Dik said. "It fits nicely in the grow in markets outside of Europe and to grow quickly. There is a big shakeout going on and we want to be there for it."

The announcement on Wednesday morning caught the Australian market by surprise.

comed the move, saying it gave the Dutch telecom giant more of global position, adding transport and logistics to its core telecoms activity.

KPN shares closed up 1.70 guilders at 60.60, although still below the year's peak of 68.50. The bid came only days after TNT completed the sale of its 50 per cent stake in Ansett Australia Holdings, an airline, to Air New Zealand for A\$470m.

ed on stock exchanges in the Netherlands, Britain, New York turns from Ansett and certain and Frankfurt. But its exposure other assets for a sharp 75 per cent fall in its after-tax earnings last year to A\$9.8m.

Mr Dik said KPN had waited for the Ansett sale to be finalised before making its bid. KPN will finance its takeover with a A\$1.7bn revolving credit facility underwritten by Goldman Sachs, its corporate

The main assets of the merged company will include: TNT's domestic time-sensitive distribution and logistics busi-Post domestic time-sensitive distribution and logistics businesses in the Netherlands, Germany, Belgium, Austria and Denmark as well as its international mail service: and GD Express Worldwide, an international time-sensitive freight business that is 50 per cent owned by TNT and 50 per cent by GD Net, which is in turn and 46 percent by Swedish

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#### Lang gets report on BA alliance

MICHAEL HARRISON

Ian Lang, President of the Board of Trade, yesterday re-ceived the Office of Fair Trading's report on the proposed alliance between British Anways and American Airlines setting out the concessions needed in return for allowing the deal to

proceeed.

The OFT is thought to have concluded that the alliance would operate against the pub-lic interest and should only be lipproved without a reference to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission if the two airlines agree to surrender take-off and landing slots and other facilities at Heathrow airport. --

The report may also have recommended that Mr Lang impose restrictions on transatiantic routes where BA and American would otherwise have a total

monopoly.

Mr Lang is expected to reach a quick decision on the proposed alliance although some observers believe he may wait until after the Conservative Party conference before announcing his decision.

Without approval for the alliance Britain and the US will not be able to sign an open skies agreement across the Atlantic pening up Heathrow to more American carriers and greater Empetition.

However the BA-American nk up has faced unprecedentad opposition from rival airlines ad consumer groups alike Richard Branson's Virgin Af-antic and United Airlines, the biggest carrier in the US, have both opposed the deal, as has the Consumers' Association, which argued that the alliance would entrench the dominant position of the two carriers.

IN BRIEF

\*• UK house prices fell a seasonally adjusted 0.1 per cent in September from August but were up 5.2 per cent from a year earlier, according to Halifax Building Society. It said the fall "reinforces our view that house prices are continuing to recover but the boom in house prices which occured in the mid to late Eighties is not being repeated"."

• Rothschild took the top slot by value and UBS rose to fourth position by number of deals in Acquisitions Monthly's UK mergers and acquisitions league table for the first nine months of the year. Rothschild advised on eight takeovers worth £8.4bn while UBS advised on 14 worth £5.45bn. Separate rankings by Securities Data Company of the US put UBS at the top of the table for acquisitions in the UK by home or foreign companies, with \$16.35bn worth over the same period compared with \$2.75bn a

• Harrods' plans for a £25m stock market flotation are understood to have been supernded. The Knightsbridge store has not abandoned the idea entirely but has decided to get more trading periods under its belt first. However, it is thought that Harrods will still press ahead with plans to develop a 400,000 square foot site adjacent to the existing store and convert the nearby depository into a Harrods Hotel.

• Orange netted 86,000 new subscribers in the third quarter to • Orange netted 86,000 new subscribers in the third quarter to September, bringing its customer base to 659,000 and its share of the total UK cellphone market to more than 10 per cent. In the third quarter, traditionally the quietest month, Orange said growth was over 20 per cent higher than the same period last year. Its customer base has grown by over 70 per cent since the start of the year and increased its estimated market share from 7 per cent at the end of 1995 to over 10 per cent. Graham Howe, finance director, said "We have been achieving 30 per cent of net growth for some time and we will strive to improve on that. To growth for some time and we will strive to improve on that. To take 30 per cent in a four-player market is testament to the value of our mobile offering."

• Thistle Hotels pitched its flotation at the bottom end of expectations, settling for a 170p offer price despite the amouncement last week from Merrill Lynch, co-ordinator of the sale, that it had received good indications of support at 185p. In conditional dealings yesterday, the shares closed marginally higher at 172.5p. The 4 star hotel company is valued at just over £1bn at the float price, with £237.6m being raised by the offer. Retail investors will have the first £1,000 of their applications met in full and will receive 75 per cent of the bulence. ceive 75 per cent of the balance.

Tesco is continuing to beat Sainsbury's in the supermarket battle for market share. Figures compiled by research group AGB for the four weeks to 22 September show that Tesco's share of the UK dry groceries market was 21.4 per cent, the same as the pre-vious month. Sainsbury's share edged ahead to 19 per cent com-pared to 18.6 per cent in August. Safeway continued to gain ground up from 10.4 to 10.6 per cent. Asda also performed strongly with its share moving up from 11.9 per cent in Angust to 12.2 per cent

Shares in Pegasus fell 42.5p to 332.5p after the software company said it had called off talks with rival Sage about a possible conditional offer. In a statement, the company said it took the view that Sage's offer, which had been increased to 475p per share during the course of discussions, undervalued its medium term trading prospects.

Over the centuries the Scots and the English have embarked on many a bloody hattle. But in the cut-throat world of hanking, the English banks have tended to fight among themselves, leaving the Scots to compete for business north of the border. The complacency of the English is proving costly, however.

The 300-year-old Bank of Scotland. which reported record interim pre-tax profits of £324.3m yesterday is able to claim that its share of UK bank savings has climbed steadily from 3.52 per

cent in 1980 to 7.39 per cent now.

That share has been distorted by Abbey National's takeover of National & Provincial, the former building society. Peter Burt, who has moved up to the chief executive's slot at Bank of Scotland, acknowledges his share will dip again next year when the Halifax Building Society swamps the sector following its stock market flotation and re-emergence as a bank. But he expects gradually to claw back that market

share by offering a superior service.

This is why Bank of Scotland can stand back from the race to become a "bancassurance" group, being pursued by many other British banks, thus avoiding costly acquisitions of life insurance companies. Of course the bank needs to provide some add-on services in a world that increasingly requires con-sumers to take extra provision for their

savings and old age.
But Mr Burt's Bank of Scotland will concentrate on packaging other companies' products to meet its customers' needs, rather than getting involved in the risky process of integrating a whole new, and probably alien, business with the rest of the bank. The bank is currently tied in with Standard Life, which now owns just 2.8 per cent of the bank's shares after selling off a 29.2 per cent stake in the summer.

The bank may also need to link with another fund manager after British Linen Bank, its merchant bank which made profits of £7.0m in the first half, sold its stake in Dunedin Fund Managers.

It intends to use its new acquisition, BankWest in Australia, to push into the burgeoning economies of South-east Asia. It will also provide its expertise in telephone banking to boost telebanking in Australia and also at Countrywide, its New Zealand bank.

NWS, its Chester-based finance house, is one of the driving forces behind this tele-banking expertise. While the subsidiary can appear costly be-cause of current expenditure on technology, income streams are rising and its customer lending rose 19 per cent

The group managed to beat analysts' forecasts by raising income faster than

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Market value: £3.14bn, share price 263.5p

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costs in the half year. Projections for the full year have accordingly been raised to £660m, putting the shares - up 9p at 264.5p - on a forward multiple of 8. A core holding in the sector.

#### Clubhaus brings golf back to life

Golf has been a graveyard in the past - for wealthy dreamers, companies and the banks that backed them. No surprise then that, despite enormous demand for the game and the relatively unprofessional management of most courses, there are only a handful of quoted companies seriously involved in the business. The appointment of David Lloyd to Clubhaus's board yesterday marks it as the most interesting of the bunch. Maiden figures since floating at the beginning of the year, showing profits of £728,000 from turnover of £3.15m, point to a company making the transition from asset-based development punt to measurable, earningsased investment opportunity.

Trading record

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The background ought to be extremely auspicious. The number of registered golfers in the UK has grown sharply in the early 1990s, but despite the increased interest in the game, a yawning gap exists between cheap and not very cheerful municipal pay-andplay courses and the snooty, members-only clubs. Clubhaus's chief executive, Robert Bourne, likens the state of British golf to that of the American

game maybe 30 years ago. What the game desperately needs is an injection of professional leisure industry management to bring it up to date. That would include making clubs more family-friendly, combining courses with attractive fitness facilities (hence the David Lloyd appointment) and pushing non-golf spending such as food and drink. Only then will golf courses become viable financial en-

terprises. Clubhaus is further down this path than anyone else and is on track to building a network of 12 to 15 UK courses to complement the three it has set up in France and Germany, Picking courses up from the receiver in a number of cases, at a fraction of their

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Share price pence

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replacement cost, it has paved the way for a satisfactory return on capital.

It is very early days to judge whether Clubhaus has read the market correctly or whether it has the management depth to capitalise on the opportunity. If it has, though, it seems very un-likely that the likes of Whitbread and Rank would not snap the company up. The shares rose 7p to 74.5p yesterday. about where they floated. Interesting.

#### Less gloom at **Hewden Stuart**

Hewden Stuart, the UK's biggest plant hire group, was in uncharacteristically chipper mood yesterday. Having been proved right with three doom-laden prophesies over the past 12 months, it is now seeing the first glimmers of the upturn which it forecast with some dif-fidence in April. This new-found confidence was behind yesterday's 7.5p rise

in the shares to 143p.

But the figures for the six months to July show just how bad things have been since it first warned that the construction downturn would hurt the group. Pre-tax profits crumpled by a quarter to £14.7m as turnover held fast at £142m, an underlying fall of 4 per cent when acquisitions are stripped out.

Hewden is highly operationally geared. Its tough depreciation policy means that once its hire fleets reach a certain level of utilisation, virtually all the additional sales drop through to the bottom line. But the reverse is also true, so when rates dipped to around 60 per cent, as they did in the first half, the group suffered badly.

But as usual Hewden has acted fast in the face of recession, slashing its prodigious spending on new equipment from £45m to £23m in the six months. It now expects the year's outcome to be little different from depreciation, forecast at around £38m.

Utilisation rates are now back up to the 65 per cent enjoyed in the second half of last year, with more optimistic noises being heard in the housebuilding sector and in the market for tower cranes. Hewden still remains heavily exposed to the much-pruned road-building industry and to work for Scottish local authorities.

Even so, the group is well placed for the expected upturn. One or two small acquisitions currently in contemplation should help fill in gaps in coverage of the south. In the meantime, full-year profits of £29m would put the shares on a prospective multiple of 20. High, but probably justified by the prospects.

# HTV's bid for Westcountry falls well short of £70m

**MATHEW HORSMAN** Media Editor

HTV has tabled a bid for Westcountry, the ITV licence holder for the South-west of England. It is understood that at least one other ITV company, possibly two, has also expressed interest in the company. Carlton or United News & Media are the most likely candidates.

HTV, which yesterday unveiled interim profits of £6.7m, up 10 per cent, is believed to have bid far less than the £70m hoped for by Westcountry's bankers, Lazard Freres. Meanwhile, Yorkshire-Tyne Tees declined to bid, claiming it made no strategic sense.

Westcountry's owners, in-cluding the Daily Mail & General Trust, Brittany Ferries and South West Water, decided earlier this year to seek a flotation or sell the company to a trade buyer. Since then, Lazard con-tacted several ITV companies, encouraging them to bid.

HTV is believed to be the most logical buyer, as it holds a contiguous ITV franchise in Wales and the West, and already handles transmission services for Westcountry. But analysts suggested yesterday Carlton was likely to have put in a bid, as a first step toward achieving its objective of buying HTV, a long-mooted acquisition target. Carlton had no comment on its intentions toward West-

United News & Media, owner of the sales house TSMS, which handles ad sales for HTV and Westcountry, is thought to be interested in Westcountry, and even HTV, to protect the share of national advertising revenues handled in-house. The company declined to comment yesterday. But an insider confirmed: "Of course we've looked at [Westcountry], and the sale house is part of it. But there are no jewels there, no great synergies, so we have to ask ourselves some questions."



Chris Rowlands: Hopes lower licence payments after renewal in 1998 will help to increase profits at HTV

Taken together, HTV and fied by Harvest's continuing Westcountry represent about 8 per cent of national advertising revenues, and TSMS would be concerned about losing that much market share.

In its results statement, HTV said its Harvest Entertainment arm, which groups its rights development and acquisition activities, saw operating profits soar by 19 per cent. Operating margins were about 30 per cent. in the broadcasting division, before taking into account the high licence fee the company pays to the Treasury. Louis Sherwood, chairman,

said: "Our commitment to developing and growing our rights business has been wholly justi-

role as a major driver of growth within HTV."

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The company expects to cut costs further over the next year to 18 months, partly through the introduction of digital technology for its news-gathering op-erations and partly through lower payments to ITN for its share of the national news service. In addition, Chris Rowlands, the chief executive of HTV, said the likelihood of lower licence payments following renewal in 1998 would enhance profits further.

The company declined to comment on the Westcountry bid, or the possibility of a bid by Carlton or United for HTV.

#### COMPANY RESULTS 324.3m (261.6m) 15.0p (12.6p) 2.91p (2.45p) 102.8m (92.1m) 30.7m (13.1m) 18.1p (6.1p) 141.7m (141 8m) 14.74m (19.73m) 3.58p (5.0p) 5.7p (5.0p) 1.4p (1.25p) 70.82m (65.82m) 1.65m (3.8m) 7.50p (22.67p) 4.5p (4.0p) 55.19m (37.54m) 7 24m (4.82m) 5.03p (3.45p)

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#### Shareholders put pressure on Blenheim to sell MAGNUS GRIMOND

Blenheim was silent yesterday on the progress of the revived bid talks for the exhibitions group, understood to be with the Anglo-Dutch publishing giant Reed Elsevier, as it announced more than doubled profits. But industry observers said they expected an early an-

vealed on 16 September, came after the failure of discussions with both United News & Media, the newspapers to money-broking group, and Reed. It was thought that the talks broke down over price, with Reed said nouncement, given what is to be offering near 480p a share thought to be heavy pressure to and Neville Buch, executive

that profits had soared from shareholders. "It is coming £15.2m to £30.7m in the first half would have little effect on the negotiations. "The whole thing is swinging on whether Neville Buch will accept an offer lower than he was previously

offered," he claimed. With a renewed bid from United thought to be low on the shares, and Patrick Lecetre,

from one or two institutional shareholders, Compagnie Genelements within the company." There were suggestions that the American lanuzzi family, which holds 12 per cent of the

sell being applied by some of chairman of Blenheim, holding media group's list of priorities, with a 5 per cent holding, were Blenheim's biggest sharehold- out for 500p or more. One an- analysis said most of the pres- sellers, although not necessarslyst suggested yesterday's news sure to sell was coming from ily at the lower price being on the board.

Their shareholdings result erale des Eaux [which owns a from the sale of family busi-15.5 per cent stake] and some nesses in the US and France respectively, both areas which have suffered drastic cuts in senior management as Blenheim

office on 8 November.

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Mr Cork will be promoting

In the end it proved to be

also steps out on the Lanark-

shire hills armed with a Cana-

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dian spear, which is used in

the planting of trees.

#### Cairn in £185m Australia oil bid

MAGNUS GRIMOND

Cairn Energy, the fledgling Edinburgh-based oil group, yesterday took an important step towards maturity after unveiling an A\$365m (£185m) bid for Command Petroleum of

The deal, to be part-financed via a two-part rights issue to raise £133m, will give Cairn access to a big oil producing asset in India to complement its existing gas find in Bangladesh. The cash call is for a maximum of one new share at 360p for every three held, with the first call due to raise £33.2m. This is the latest in a string of calls on shareholders, the most recent being

for £50m in July. Cairn's shares rose 22p to 394.5p yesterday.

The bid for the Australian quoted Command, which is 33 per cent owned by Snyder Oil & Gas of the US, has effectively been agreed by the board. Cairn has an arranged an option over a 19.9 per cent stake held by Snyder, the maximum allowed under Australian rules, and expects Snyder to sell it the rest of the holding. The Cairn offer is worth A\$1.10

per Command share, with a two-for-13 share alternative. Bill Gammell, Cairn's chief executive, said the group saw emerging markets for energy in Bangladesh and India. "We are already in Bangladesh and we think two plus two might equal four and a half or even five."

Command's main asset is a 22.5 per cent interest in the Ravva oil field in the Bay of Bengal. Currently in the startup phase, Ravva is producing 13,500 barrels a day, rising to 35,000 by the end of the year. Subject to government permission, output will rise to 50,000

barrels a day by next year. Further production of 20,000 parrels a day will come in next ear from a field in Yemen, in which Command holds a near-12 per cent interest. Other assets are

ysts to contain 1 trillion cubic Cairn's reserves would total 200

#### FINANCIAL NEWS FROM BANK OF SCOTLAND

#### **Bank of Scotland** Interim Results

	6 menths ended 31 August 1996 (anaudited)	6 months ended 31 August 1995 (unaudited)	Year ended 29 February 1996
TOTAL PROFIT FROM GROUP OPERATIONS BEFORE PROVISIONS	£408.2m	£339.6m	£706.4m
PROFIT BEFORE TAXATION	£324.3m	£261.6m	£545.0m
TOTAL CAPITAL RESOURCES	£3,688m	£3,105m	£3,533m
TOTAL ASSETS	£46,140m	£36,837m	£44,099m
EARNINGS PER ORDINARY STOCK UNIT	15.0p	12.6p	25.8p
DIVIDEND PER ORDINARY STOCK UNIT	2.91p	2.45p	6.85p

- Pre-tax profit £324.3 million up: 24 per cent
- Pre-tax return on average equity (annualised) 36.7 per cent
- Dividend increased by 18.8 per cent.
- O Cost:Income ratio 52.9 per cent



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# Sabotage suspected as Maples' airship promotion is deflated

Grahame Winter, managing director of the furniture retailer Maples, has been hav-ing a spot of bother with promotional airships. A key part of Maples' development strategy is to open larger outcompany opened its new branch in Reading it hired an advertising blimp to help fly

the flag, so to speak.
Everything was going very
well and Mr Winter was very pleased with the publicity. But then Mr Winter received a telephone call informing him that someone had shot the thing down. To make matters worse the blimp did not simply plummet to earth but started to drift.

With Heathrow Airport only a few miles down the M4 corridor the airship was starting to look like serious aviation hazard. Air traffic control had to be alerted until the blimp was safely grounded. Mr Winter is not a happy man. "I suspect the work of a competitor," he says.

Richard Hyman, the laidback head of retail consultants Verdict Research. stunned the sector yesterday when he made his first public appearance since shaving off his beard.

The retail guru unveiled his new look at Verdict's conference, "The Price of Quality" held at London's Hilton hotel. Asked what made him take to the razor, Mr Hyman admitted that the decision to end 25 years of facial hair was not his own. His girlfriend

made him do it. Though he looks years younger, Mr Hyman is slightv concerned that friends, clients and even his own children no longer recognise him.
"I feel weird."



Sky-high: Grahame Winter's airship advertising stunt ended with Heathrow air traffic control being alerted

City analysts pondering rumours of a merger between beleaguered food retailers Kwiksave and Iceland have wasted little time dreaming up up a new name for the notional new company: Kwiksand.

A contrite media baron? It can happen. Yesterday none other than Ted Turner apologised to the Anti-Defamation League for comparing Rupert Murdoch to the "late" Fuhrer". Mr Turner, whose company, Turner Broadcast-

In his letter to the ADL, he was inapt and "trivialised a The comment, he said, was "offensive" and "referred only to the way Hitler man-

Roger Cork, son of the late insolvency guru Sir Kenneth

ing System, is being ingested by Time Warner in a \$6.5bn dollar deal, made the remark to reporters in New York last

said that his Fuhrer analogy profound historical tragedy". aged the news in Germany".

Cork, has been confirmed as

#### a brutal new approach to corporate downsizing or that the Tory party bigwig had alighted on a fresh method of chivvying along party donations.

no Glasgow chainsaw mas-sacre. Sir Matthew is part of a project to re-forest Scotland and was presumably planning a spot of thinning. The chainsaw adds to an already impressive array of veaponry with which Sir Matthew is regularly seen. He

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in Tunisia, Papua New Guinea, India, Australia, Mongolia, with further production in Russia.

Including its Sangu field in Bangladesh, estimated by anafeet of gas, Mr Gammell said million barrels of oil equivalent after the acquisition. By 1997 or 1998, total group production could be between 45,000 and 50,000 barrels a day.

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SHARE SPOTLIGHT

that will "serve all our people best". The news was enough to send shares in the sector heading south. Hardest hit was the ing south. Hardest inst was the Go-Ahead Group, which skidded 15p to 354.5p. Stagecnach eased 7p to 523.5p, though FirstBus, 4p lower early on, rallied to end down just half a penny weaker at 175p.

Pledging to use the powers of the rail regulator to bring the stage of the rail regulator to bring the stage of the rail regulator.

conference in Blackpool.

Labour government would in-

force greater investment,

though he stopped short of

promising to renationalise

"Labour will re-regulate the buses," he vowed, in a way

transport.

of the rail regulator to bring about more investment in track and signalling, Mr Smith also

On Monday it was the milities, yesterday it was the turn of the buses and the railways to feel publicly accountable railways. ment to a publicly owned, publicly accountable railway. Shares in Railtrack closed 5p

the chill from the Labour Party lower at 297.5p.
On a day when the Footsie Stradow transport spokesman Andrew Smith told delegates a finally broke through the 4,000 troduce more regulation and who stood out from the crowd. Hanson's miserable run contimed as shares in the de-merged Millennium Chemicals began trading in New York. Hanson was the weakest blue chip, shedding 3.25p to close 91.25p as 4.9 million shares changed hands. But Imperial Tobacco continued to revel in

> other 10.5p in lively trade to close at 404p as bid rumours continued to do the rounds. ABN-Amro Hoare Govett was blamed for weakness in Cookson and Johnson Matthey, the worst performers in the FT-SE 250 index. Shares

in Cookson fell 13.5p to 234.5p

its new role outside the Han-

son fold. The shares added an-

MARKET REPORT PATRICK TOOHER

Labour warning puts the skids under buses and trains

and JM was 15p lower at 596p after the broker highlighted the companies' ceramics joint venture which was the subject of a management reshuffle ing interims, dipped a penny last month. The broker cut on the absence of any bid deprofits forecasts and downgraded its recommendation

had 10 per cent downside. Media stocks were out of favour. Shares in United News & Media fell 18.5p to 665p on fears that the group could be drawn into a costly bidding war. United has been linked to HTV, where Carlton Communications is also thought to be keen to make a bid, and Blenheim where Reed International is hovering. Carl-

ton also suffered from the uncertainty, ending 15p lower at 469p, though Reed added 3p to 1193.5p. Blenheim, report-

Takeover talk lifted Kwik Save. Its shares surged 18.5p to 330p, after touching 342.5p, on speculation that the supermarket chain may merge with frozen food chain leeland or be bought on an arread back by bought on an agreed basis by Aldi, the privately-run German discount food retailer.

The word on dealing room floors is that Aldi is the most likely candidate. One story yesterday suggested Aldi, with

Germany to see its operations at first hand. This the Kwik Save board duly did last month before returning the invitation.

However, some analysts noted that Aldi had no acquisition history and would be unlikely to compromise on the quality of its store locations. Neither company would comment. Last week shares in Kwik

Save shumped to their lowest level in eight years after Credit Lyonnais retail analyst Paul Smiddy said about 100 of its stores might have to close. He also argued that Kwik Save needs to decide whether to return to its low-cost roots or become more of a neighbourhood

Both Kwik Save and Iceland, which issued a profits warning last month, are based in north Wales. Although there is plen-ty of geographic overlap be-tween their stores, brokers

Drugs were on a high across Enrope, boosted by continued US buying and a firmer dollar. Zeneca was again the benefi-ciary in London, rising 26p to 1630p. UBS has a price target of £22 while Merrill Lynch is aiso a buyer. Giaxo Wellcome advanced 13.5p to 1024.5p while SmithKline Beecham

Overcapacity problems are likely to have eased following roal RR Donnelley's decision on Tuesday to close its York printing operation with the loss

Market leaders: Top 20 volumes

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vited Kwik Save, which has almost 1000 outlets, to go to Germany to see its operations at first hand. This the Kwik group have been off colour

slipping. But Hacmocell's directors are said to be buffled by the shares' recent weakness and are planning to bring forward the company's results, due on 17 December, to allay fears about current trading.

was 6.5p firmer at 801p.

Leeds-based printer Hunters
Arneley continued to rebound,
rising 4p to 95p. The shares recently dipped below their December 1992 placing price of
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# Wages hold steady as Americans take more McJobs

the joke going the rounds in pre-election America is that Bill Clinton has created 10 million jobs - and three of them are mine. On the face of it, the joke is past its sell-by date. The "Help Wanted" signs are a common feature in store windows in the nation's capital. Washington DC. so it is no surprise that the US unemployment rate has been falling for four years to become one of the lowest in the industrial world.

Figures out last week showed that household income rose last year for the first time since 1989, and the proportion of Americans living in poverty fell for the second year

Yet there is little sign of the rising wage rates that would be the normal effect of increasing demand for labour. This is why two weeks ago Alan Greenspan, the chairman of the Federal Reserve. decided there was no need to raise interest rates. Since he is the man who has been more right about the US economy more times than anybody else, it is worth paying attention to his view that something has changed in the American labour

Some of the clues about why this might be true are hidden in those income and poverty figures.

According to the Census Bureau, the median household income rose to \$34,074 in 1995, a 2.7 per cent increase. (Top incomes rose by more - good news for the one in five delegates to the Republican Party convention in San Diego who makes more than \$1m a year.)

It was the first increase in median incomes for six years and the biggest increase for a decade. Most

**ECONOMIC VIEW** DIANE COYLE

of the rise was in the Mid-West, a region with a long way to bounce back from the impact of recession in its manufacturing industries.

However, earnings for full-time workers, both men and women, declined. In other words, for household incomes to have risen, either more people within the household have been working or they have been working at more than one job. In fact, a comparison of the employment figures and job creation

igures suggests that for every four

ing in poverty fell by 1.6 million to 13.8 per cent of the population. down from 14.5 per cent in 1994. Poverty rates for blacks and the elderly reached historic lows. The proportion of the elderly living below the poverty line dropped to 10.5 per cent, compared to 35.2 per cent in 1959.

Last year was the first time it had been lower than the rate for those of working age. And for the first time. the poverty rate for blacks fell below 30 per cent, whereas more

'Hispanics, not blacks, form the most deprived group in the US population, with a poverty rate above 30 per cent'

new jobs, roughly three additional workers have got employment. So the joke does have its truth.

The implication is that wage rates might even have fallen, if people are having to hold down more than one job to make a living. There is perhaps something in the charge that many of the new jobs for which President Clinton claims credit are McJobs. On the other hand, this does not seem to square with the Census Bureau's poverty

They showed a significant decline last year. The number of people livthan half the black population lived in poverty in 1959.

Hispanics, rather than blacks, now form the most deprived group in the US population, with a poverty rate above 30 per cent. Hispanmedian income fell by a sharp per cent last year, compared to per cent increase for whites and a 3.6 per cent rise in the earnings of black households.

It is the worsening position of the Hispanic population that might square the circle. Jeffrey Williamson, an economic historian at Harvard University, has compared the

trend increase in income inequality in the US between the late 1970s and late 1980s with the parallel growth in inequality in the late 19th

Both episodes took place in a context of a globalising world economy and rapid technical change, the two factors usually blamed for falling wages at the bottom end of the scale.

Neither turned out to be entirely responsible for 19th century inequality, however, according to Prof Williamson's research. Although technology played an im-portant part, the key culprit was mass immigration.

Immigration is on the US political agenda with a vengeance, par-ticularly illegal immigration from Mexico - from behind the Tortilla Curtain, as novelist T Coraghessan Boyle has put it.

The farewell legislation from Congress, before Representatives left Washington at the weekend to tend to their re-election campaigns. included new restrictions on immigration, although a bid to bar incomers who could not prove they had a job paying an income of one and a half times the poverty level from bringing their families to join them ultimately failed.

The current Mexican wave of immigration, although much smaller than 19th-century migration to the great American cities, is precisely the kind of influx that might explain falling incomes in the segments of the labour market in which Hispanies are concentrated, whether regions like Texas and California or low-pay service sector jobs.

And in fact, new restrictions on assistance to legal immigrants who rent Administration, Robert Reich,

INCOME AND POVERTY IN AMERICA median household income, adjusted for inflation in 1995 dollars, 000s

have not yet become citizens will mean further falls in Hispanics' me-

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strates just what an imprecise concept it is anyway. The Labor Secretary in the cur-But Mr Reich adds that compa-

as higher prices has been perma-nently limited by increased com-

The increase in competition has come about because there is less advantage to bigness these days, thanks to new technologies, so small firms have moved into nichesof markets formerly cornered by big

Furthermore, he argues that the composition of the "value added" in goods and services is increasingly composed of knowledge or skill, and decreasingly composed of raw materials and energy. Thus final goods prices are less vulnerable to commodity price inflation than they used to be.

Be that as it may, keeping inflation low will still mean that wages must increase only slowly. So far there has been little sign of rising wage costs as the US recovery con-

But the financial markets will continue to watch the earnings fig-ure released with the monthly jobs and unemployment statistics. The next batch is due tomorrow. Wall-Street has fallen sharply five times. this year on the publication of these crucial numbers.

No matter what the structural changes in either goods markets, as Mr Reich argues, or in labour markets, as the immigration debate highlights, there will come a point at which an additional drop in unemployment sets US inflation on an upward path.

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"Globalization and Inequality Then and New", National Bureau of ... Economic Research Working Paper no. 5491, March 1996.

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Germany	23872	58-52	172-163	15258	31-29	98-95	19000
France		176-157	490-458	5.8670	90-85	273-263	3.3864
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and became the most important two-year-old test of the year, with its winner generally made winter favourite for the Derby.

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Eltham - disappeared.
The last Middle Park Stakes winner to go on to Epsom glory was Bahram in 1933. And in post-war years only six 2,000 Guineas winners have emerged from the roll of honour, with decreasing frequency: Nearula (1952), Our Babu (1954), Right

Tack (1968), Brigadier Gerard (1970), Known Fact (1979) and Rodrigo De Triano (1991).

Rodrigo, the best of his age and sex in England, was deprived of a place at the top of the International Classifications by the US exploits of

shopping list included two blue-blooded 1998 Derby prospects at a cost of 900,000 guineas.

He paid 500,000 guineas for

a handsome bay colt by Sadler's

3.40 BAHAMIAN BOUNTY (nap)

4.15 Restructure

NEWMARKET TO THE RESERVE

HYPERION

GOING: Good to Firm.
STALLS: 1m 4f - far side; rest - stabds side.
DRAW ADVANTAGE: None.

Right-hand course with Int2f straight.
Course is south west of town on A1304. Bus link from Cambridge and Newmarket stations. ADMISSION: Grandsund & Paddock 510 (16 to 25-year-olds 55); Family Enclosure 53. CAR PARK: Members 51; remainder free.

ELEADING TRAINERS WITH RUNNERS: H Cecil - 68 winners from 283 runners at a ratio of 24.5% giving a return to a 51 level stake of -57.02; J Gooden - 55 winners, 377 runners, 14.5%, -577.16; R Hannon - 50 winners, 585 runners, 3.56%, -5244.25 B Hills - 35 winners, 293 runners, 11.5%, -5119.64; M Stoute - 32 winners, 320 runners, 10.8%, -5123.05; J Dunlop - 31 winners, 296 runners, 10.5%; P Cole - 29 winners, 212 runners, 13.7%, -562.50.

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LEADING JOCKEYS: Pat Eddery - 1:20 winners, 529 rides, 22.7%, -58.56; L Detori - 75 winners, 534 rides, -5.143.64; W Carroon - 55 winners, 496 rides, 11.1%, -577.96; W E Swimbern - 54 winners, 373 rides, 14.5%, -528.67; T Quinn - 39 winners, 366 rides, 10.7%, -5.119.28; M Hills - 37 winners, 351 rides, 10.5%, -548.72.

BLINERED FIRST TIME: Changed To Balleys (2.25).

WINNERS IN THE LAST SEVEN DATS: Analysis (2.25) won at Folkestone last Friday.

LONG-DISTANCE EUNNERS: Changed To Balleys (2.35) & Tropical Beach (4.50) and 2.19 mids by J Beny from Cockerham in Lancashire.

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LONG retains his ability and, at the weights, has as good a chance as any. Geoff Lewis' charge began his cereer with the Epsom handler and had a spell with Demont Weld in Ireland, winning at the Curragh in 1994 while he scored at Sandown, Catterick and Linglied last year. Lold thushed a length and a quarter runner-up behind At Libery ower an inadequate mile at Goodwood in August on his reeppearance and, elithough unpleted on his next three runs, was fourth behind Dear Life (wirner arce) under a hety weight at Epsom last time. Lold finshed about nine inerghs behind Once Mone For Luck when they were second and ninth of 19 to Fer Ahead at Think last mouth but can turn that around on 15th more favourable terms. Shabemar, an 11-year-old, won five times in 1995 and was completing a favourable terms. Shabemar, an 11-year-old, won five times in 1995 and was completing a restrict when successful at Windsor in August (two sellers and a datiner in between) and he followed with two seconds. Willie Mulr's velteren could finish only sixth of 2.5 to El Berdedor is Yarmouth last time but must still be feered even though he would be getting a few pounds from Loki in a handicap and meets him at tevels here. Keefth Hossei has been running well tout will find it tough giving Loki and Shabenaz. 15th.

Selection: LOKI

2.00 EQUITY COLLECTIONS WESTLEY MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS D) £9,000 added 2YO 7f Penalty Value £7,515

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3.15 BURLEY VISIFLAME NOVICE CHASE (CLASS C) £6,500 added 2m 1f 110yds

BETTING: 2-5 Strong Promise, 5-2 Jobbh, 10-1 Sharp Samelion, 40-1 Doctor-I, Record Lover, Shalik, Sharp Samelion

3.50 AIR PRODUCTS HANDICAP HURDLE (CLASS C) £5,000 added 2m 1f 110yds

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4.25 BURLEY FORGE NOVICE HANDICAP CHASE (CLASS D) £5,500 added 3m 1f

-5 declared -BETHER: 7-4 The Gallepin'swajet, 9-4 Comp Bank, 7-2 Mobile Messe ger, 4-1 Final Bent, 33-2 Austin Locus

5.00 BURLEY ELECTRIC HANDICAP HURDLE (CLASS C) £5,000 addled 3m

BETTIME: 4-5 Precisio Marie, 3-1 Order Mor, 4-1 Jaleanto, 5-1 Master Of

Kim Bailey yesterday expressed his delight at securing Gold Cup winning rider Conor O'Dwyer as his new stable jockey. He has signed the Irishman as a replacement for Norman Williamson who left the yard to ride as a free-inner in the summer. "I am very pleased as Conor is a top jockey and has been at the top for a long time," the trainer said. "He will have his first ride for me at Untoreter on Saturday." Despite his nick job, O'Dwyer will maintain his partnership the Gold Cup winner, Imperial Call.

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MARKETRASSE

2.10 Captain Khedive 2.45 Anabranch 3.15 Strong Promise 3.50 Non Vintage 4.25 Final Beat 5.00

GOING: Good (Good to Firm in places).

E Right-hand, sharp, undulating circuit. Run-in of one furioug.

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WINNERS IN LAST SEVEN DAYS: Freddle Muck (6.00) won

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2.10 CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS' HCAP CHASE (CLASS E) £5,000 added 2m If 110yds

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2.45 BURLEY BUTLER NOVICE HUROLE (CLASSE) £3,000 added 2m 1f 110yds

Freddie Muck

BETTING: 8-4 Countable, 7-2 Regis Terridor, 11-2 Machiner, 7-1 Social Pillar, 10-1 Agricum Pete, 12-1 Karsin, Red Gasard, Spy Roell, 24-1 Wonderboy, 20-1 others 1995: Aster Pilca 2 9 0 J Reid 3-1 (P W Chapple-Hyam) 23 ran

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Wells out of a daughter of the

south-east London suburb of ner to top the two-year-old colts' classifications.

It would be pleasant to record that such a historic contest, if no longer the prime tar- chase by Maktoum Al Makget for the best potential milers. would at least produce the high-class sprinters of the future, but names of the calibre of Abernant and Skymaster have been lacking in recent decades.

However, hope springs eternal, and today's renewal may yet turn the tide. It presents an interesting and competitive clash between some horses who seem natural speedsters and others

The only previous Group

One winner in the field of 12 is Bahamian Bounty, whose purtourn from Lucayan Stud was confirmed yesterday. Although some of the gloss was taken from his Prix Morny win at Deauville in August by the defeat of the runner-up Zamindar by Revoque next time, it was re-deemed by the third-placed Pas de Reponse's Cheveley Park Stakes victory on Tuesday. Even though, being by Cadeaux Genereux from a family of fast

and turnover will be far in ex-

Frankie Dettori get the vote. He, the excellent and con-

sistent Easycall and Muchea look the pick of the pure sprinters. In Command, a Sadier's Wells half-brother to last year's winner Royal Applause and flying filly Lyric Fantasy, is dropping back to six furlongs but would be his sire's first Group One winner at the trip. Indian Rocket, who earned his place in today's line-up with a rather comfortable win in

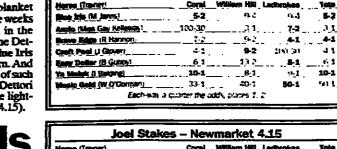
Jhazi, a son of Arazi who trounced the opposition on his debut in a Beverley maiden 15 days ago and, given his trainer David Loder's record with ju-

Three involved in a blanket

although there is the risk of such last month's Mill Reef Stakes, things becoming boring. Dettori can make it three on the lightmust be respected. The un-

3.40 BAHAMIAN BOUNTY, who had the Cheveley Park Stakes winner Pas De Reponse three lengths back in third when winning the Group One Prix Moray at veniles, should be watched in the market.

finish at Doncaster three weeks ago cross swords again in the Rous Stakes, and this time Dettori's mount, the filly Blue Iris (3.05) can make it her turn. And



Rous Stakes - Newmarket 3.05

7 35; HATTAB, who beat Fruitana by 31: lengths in a Haydock maid-ca, looks leniently handicapped.

3.65: ANZIO, who beat Brave Edge and Blue Iris in a Listed race at Doncaster, can follow up.

1.40: 1. BOLD WORDS AN H-2: 25-1; 2. People 14-1; 3. Selecte 15-2: 13 mm. 5-2 to Sensor Bay 50th 14: 11- 6 furton, heart 15th 15th 17th 25-40. (5-3), 6-20. OF: 5510.40. (5-5), 6-20. OF: 5510.40. (5-5); 6-308.24. Tro. £170.50 cont. atm.)

(Dart 401). 2.10: 1. YORKSHIRE (T (Natural 2-1, 2.

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#### the finite of th Herne (Trainer) Phoning Quest (H Cec.) half-brother to the Arc second the half-millionaire inside her, favourite Darazari. as a foundation mare for his Wa-Yeart (M. Haggas) Silver Gray (E. Durlag The colt was offered by Sir tership Down Stud. Andrew Lloyd Webber, and Last night a chestnut colt by buoyant, as the industry's best At the first session Michael the price recouped at a stroke Kingmambo was knocked down the 470,000 guineas the impreto Demi O'Byrne - who repre-100-1 100-1

ession of the cream of the nercial crop, and when	guineas to outbid Sheikh Mo- hammed and Fahd Salman for	sario ventured two yean Irish auction to be		(icháel T guineas.
if Stoute is represented by Auction Pe ps, and Spy Knoll but there are extreme can go in first arms up. Henry Cool's o nd half-brother to yesterday's Newcasti	GUIDE  to, Regal Taxoder, who has been going well by encouraging reports concerning COURTSHIP renge is a full-brother to the smart Pursuit Of a winner Danie Quest and Danie Dense. Pick del Pillar, a five-length runner-up behind the Selection: COURTSHIP	1 215430 RESTRUCTURE (W 2 141103 GREEN PERFUNE 3 121010 YEAST (87) (0) (8 f 4 1 EL PENTENZ (08	G (CLASS A) (Listed Rz analty Value £11,465 (122) (CD) (RF) (Mann Myes: Ms. 124) (ZD) (RF) (Mann Myes: Ms. 124) (ZD) (RF) (Mann Myes: Ms. 125) (RF) (RF) (RF) (Ms. 125) (RF) (RF) (Ms. 125) (RF) (RF) (Ms. 125) (RF) (RF) (Ms.	J Carol 4 9 7 Cole 4 9 0
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of Nashwan and Music And the auction finishes in the Tat-

Dance, whose dam was a tersalls arena in Newmarket af-French Group One winner, ter racing tonight average prices

Trade, as forecast, has been cess of last year's.

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HATTAS gared an impressive victory when dropped down to the minimum at Haydock, sprinting clear after leading at the furing pole to bear Fruitana three and a half lengths. There should be even better still to come from Peter Welteyn's Marju colt and he is not hershly treased on his nursery debut. Anotata, last of 14 in the Haydock contest, besten 18 lengths, is a stone better off. He has shown improved from in blankers and made all na Folkestone maken last time. Claire Blass, wanter of a Thirst seller in June, lended a Sandown clairer the time before lest with Lest Chance (only 2to better) a disappointing ferourite, finishing a three-length fifth. However, Care Blass was somewhat of a disappointment herself when fourth to Balladoole Bajan at Epsorn, Mellissah, raised only 2to the Newbury victory 12 days ago, will again be partnered by the stable's good 61b-claimer Gewn Faulkner and the Thistching colt may be the danger. Top 0f The Farns, twice a stinner, both at the minimum trip, found so furlongs beyond her when 15th of 30 to Mess Stamper in the Testissalis-Breedess Saless at the Carred and of the more at bone free.

ers States at the Curreyn and will be more at home here. Selection: HATTAB				
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5	<del>2212 44</del>	MUSIC GOLD (RE) (138) (D) (H S You) W O'Gozman 3 8 12. YA MWLAK (13) (D) (G Jahrd I Baking 5 8 12	Examp O'Roman 3 B	

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ANEZIO came from test to first in a Listed area at Doncaster, finishing like an express to pop Amezing Bay by a head with Brawe Edge a short-head away third, Blue into half a length back in fourth and Croft Peol three peris adrith in fifth of nine. Blue iris, the 13-8 fevorite that day, is again Bleely to head the market but Anzio can confirm from Moor form or the same teams, Easy Dollar has run unplaced in his last two starts but could pose a threat if able to recapture his best form.

Selection: ANZIO

### 3.40 MIDDLE PARK STAKES (CLASS A) (Group 1) 260,000 added 210 colts of Pen. Vel. £81,533

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	RUTINGS
	ANDREYEY (RE) (12) (7) () Pairror-Brown) R Hannon 8 11
211	BATHAMBAM BOOKRY (46) (25 (Malecum Al Malecum) D Loder 8 11
131133	DEEP PRESSE (19) (John E Sins) M Janus 8 11
11141	EASYCALL (19) (C) (D) (Easycel Parpassio) 8 Meeten 8 11
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	HURRICANE STATE (USA) (20) (D) (R E Sengiter) P Chapple-Hyern 8 11 Relat 7 113
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212111	REDBIN ROCKET (12) (D) (Print Alanyagh) / Duntop 8 11
1	JANUA (15) (Abdullah Saend Bul Hab) D Loder 8 11
311321	MUCHEA (34) (C) (D) (Abion Investments) M Cherron 8 11
0114	RICH GROUND (46) (CD) (Ms J E Victors) J Bestel 8 11
	ZAREZSIQ (23) (B H Visak) C Botton 8 11
	40.4-4-4

HETERRE: 13-4 Babacrian Bounty, 9-2 Indian Rocket, 13-2 in Communet, 23-2 Hordcane State, 7-1 Ensycoll, Band, 9-1 Fembasic Foliou, 10-1 Deep Finance, 12-1 Andreyer, Muches, Rich Ground, 25-1 Zarutsky 1995: Royal Applause 2 8 11 W R Swephum 3-1 (B W Hills) 5 ran

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BAHAMBAN BOURNTY is preferred to indian Rocciust and in Command. Behamian Bounty
gained a Group One success at the Prick Monry at Decundis seven weeks ago, defeating Zeminder a short neck with the Crewley Park withrer Pas De Reponse three lengins back in
third and Riods Ground a further four lengths admit in fourth. The selection has progressed
considerably since finding Grapeshot a neck too good when making his debut on the July
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whinning four times and neck thinking runner-up from six starts. He put up his best performance last time when completing a hat-dick in tanding the Group Two Mig Reef Stales at
Newtony, whose grapes like e without and static beginning deser to best Proud Native two and a half
sengins, with Androyee more than four lengths back in fourth. In Command looked a fire
nodds-on and third in Resoque in the Acorab Stales at York and chassed nome Bathasia in
the Chambogges Stales at Doncaster. Easymall is probably more effective over the turnongand was givining the third of his four victories over the manifum when defeating Compton
Place a length in the Group two Flying Children at Doncaster, where Deep Flansace, who
falled to give the best of runs, was beaten less than that Pantaster Fellow finished a close-up fourth to Desert Ning in the Group One National Stales at the Cursoft after virtuing on his debut at Beverley low weeks ago.

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WINNERS IN LAST SEVEN DAYS: Strickinger (3.25) won at New-

ton Abbot lest Sanday. LONG DISTANCE L'UNNERS: Ferenc Hall (2.20) suit 179 miles

150 NORMAN READING MADEN HURDLE

2.20 (CLASS 6) £2,450 added 2m 1f

(CLASS E) £3,000 added 2m 3f 110yds

TAUNTON CASTLE SELLING HURDLE

by M Roberts from Bodle Street Green.

4.15 JOEL STAKES (CLASS A) (Listed Race) £17,000 added 1m Penalty Value £11,465				
1	215430	RESTRUCTURE (IND. (12) (CD) (RF) (Martin Myes) Mrs J Carol 4 9 7		
2	141103	GREEN MERFUNE (MSA) (22) (D) (SF) (Lord Sondes) P Cole 4 9 0		
3	121010	YEAST (37) (3) (8 Heater) W Heater 4 9 C		
4		EL PENTENTE (ME) (150) (D) & E Niebeni D Loder 3 8 11		
5	201154	RANGESTERN (27) (2) (Shelih Mohammed) M Strote 3 8 11		
6		PHANTONA CREST (12) CCOI OL Archesi H Capi 3 8 11Put Edday 6		
7		SELVER PREY (USA) (20) (Malesum Al Malesum) E Dunko 38 11		
8		CLOWING MADE (S) (D) (SP) (Strin T Essadu J Gover 589		
ğ		TAMORA (21) (Prince A A Faisa) / Dunko 386 K Dunko 3		
-9 declared -				
BETTRIÈ 7-2 Planton Quart, 4-1 El Panistoto, 5-1 Restructore, 11-2 Hammacrisia, 6-1 Years, 13-2				
Silver Proy, 7-1 Green Performs, 15-1 Tampie, 190-1 Glowing Pride				
1995: Bin Rose 3 8 10 K Darley 12-1 (D Locar) 13 ran				

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YEAST has won three Ascot handscape, the most recent in July off a 17to higher mark than when he took the Victoria Cup in May. He failed to get the mile and a quarter when unleaded at Sandown the time before his latest win and was unsured by the course when out of the frame in Germany last time. Pheretone Queest, unneed as a two-year-old, has gone off favourite six times from seven starts, winning over course and distance in May and going close three times before he scored again on his most recent outing, at Newbury. Silver Prey won a 22-nunner handour madeen in August of 1995 and was scoring for the first man since when third to Poler Prince at Goodwood times weeks ago. Restructure, Green Perturne and Hassimenshain could prove troublesome at their best, while it will be misresting to see how El Previouslands, who came home by four inentits in a field of 18 at Warrack impaid-

4	1.50	FITZWILLIAM HANDICAP (CLASS D) £6,000 added 3YO 5f Penalty Value £4,620	
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2	000052	SWYNFORD DREAM (23) (D) (Qualcar Holdings Limited) J Bostomiey 9 6	
3	020412	LONGWOCK LAD (10) (Ary Meson Wickers) W Near 9 4	
	31-00	AIR WING (124) (D) (P H Betts (Hotorgs) Ltd) 14 Tomplens 9 2	
5		SHARP FEARL (10) (D) (Deons Yard) / White 9 1	
3	131/460	U-HO-HARRY (REC) (43) (D) (D Coppenhall) R Hollentreed 8 13	
7	150P55	MEUAS (SS) (The Nijes Partnership) L Mortague Hell 8 12	
3	02-3003	SMITHEREENS (LG) Olique & Mas Yenrand and Pertoes) P Visiting 8 9	
}		JOHOMACE (S) (D) (D F Abbott) K key 8 9	
Ю	312100	LIBERARY SOCIETY (USA) (20) (D) (Lady Caims Carter) J Toler 8 9	
1	<b>32-001</b>	SHIRBING CLOUD (5) GAS Artic Yearloy M Bel 8 8 (764)	
2	145204	TROPICAL BEACH (7) (D) (Jim Unsworth) J Beny 8 7	
3	03-0106	SABANN ELFULL (19) (D) (Shelin Ahmed Al Maldoure) A Stewart 8 7	
4	010400	C(MALICE (7) (D) (Mrs.) T Being J Being 86	
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PORM GUIDE LONGWICK LAD, unraced as a two-year-old, got off the mark when defeating Ned's Bonanza less than a length in a 16-runner race at Bath on his penultimate start. Willie Mur's
coll, nurser-up for the third time when besten a length by Canoves Heart at Yarmouth 16
days ago, can resum to the winner's enclosure here. Stabling Cloud, little more than a length
behind Longwick Lad when both were unplaced at Selsbury in August and 51b better off,
stormed home by six lengths in a 23-runner race at Nottingham and might provide most
danger. Swywford Dressus showed signs of returning to form when nursing Parater to half
a length at Chester and can again figure.

Estrategic Choice (trained by Paul Cole) was withdrawn yesterday from the Prix de l'Art de Triomphe at Longchamp on Smday. Minds Music (Henry Cecil), Camporese (Peter Chapple-Hyam), Glory Of Dancer and General Acaden, Chord Paul Kelleway) were also taken out. There are 20 still engaged. Classic Cliche, for whom Frankie Dettori is booked, remains in the line-up pending a decision on his participation. If Classic Cliche is scratched, Dettori is set to switch to Thmure. Rae Guest has the chance today to supplement My Emma at a cost of £50,000. Clive Brittain also waits until today before deciding whether to let Luso run. The going at Longchamp is very soft. Ladbrokes report Pilsudski the best-backed bonse in the Arc yesterday and have shortened the Michael Stoute-trained colt from 12-1 to 10-1.

trained colt from 12-1 to 10-1.

Ludbrelees: 11-4 Heissio, 9-2 Swain, 5-1 Derazan, 5-1 Zagreb, 10-1 Pernire (from 8-1), 10-1 Pisudeki (from 12-1), 12-1 Sheemit, 14-1 Oscar Schindler, 16-1 Tamure, 20-1 Surshack, 25-1 ber, 6-1 (with a run) Classic Cliche.

Coral: 11-4 Heissio (from 3-1), 5-1 Swain, 11-2 Zagreb, 7-1 Derazan, 9-1 Classic Cliche.

& Pentire (from 8-1), 10-1 Sheamit, 12-1 Oscar Schindler, 14-1 Pisudeki, 20-1 Tamure (from 33-1), 25-1 Surshack (from 33-1), 2 high Emma, 33-1 ber, 19-1 Classic Cliche, 10-1 Pentire (from 8-1), 3 Sheamit, 14-1 Oscar Schindler, 18-1 Pisudeki & Tamure, 33-1 ber, Are acceptants: Surshack (A Fabre, France), Swain (A Fabre, France), France), Gooden), Classic Cliche (Seed bin Suroon), Oscar Schindler (R Prendergast, Iroland), Pisudeki (M Stoute), Los (C Britain), Court of Honour (P Chapple-Hyam), Leeds (H Van de Poete, France), Pentire (G Wrange), Runsien Snows (Saèed bin Suroon), Shaemit (W Haggas), Radevore (A Fabre, France), Derazan (A de Royer-Durne), Polans Fight (P C Happle-Hyam), Le Destri (P Demaccaste), Lorate (R Collect, France).

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3.25	SUMMERFIELD HANDICAP HURDLE (CLASS E) £3,000 added 2m 1f	
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FPO-P16	HAVE A MIGHTCAP (19) (CD) N Letmoden 7 11 0 & Powell V	
8424-23	CORRECT HELL (4) (D) R Hodges 9 10 11 Hards (7)	
P-42431	SERVER BLACK (IFE) (4) (CD) X Basley 7 10 10 (7ex) T J Marphy	
008-123	SAFETY (USA) (28) (CO)-) Value: 9 10 5	
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4.00 THURLBEAR NOVICE HANDICAP CHASE (CLASS F) £3,600 added 2m 3f

4.35 WIVELISCOMBE HURDLE (CLASS E)

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Martin Pipe's attempt to go through the card failed at Exeter yesterday but the trainer sent out the winners of five of the six races. Pipe failed with the defeat of Shika-ree behind Pongo Waring in the third race.

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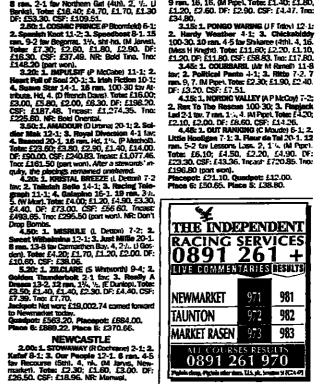
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# Hearing commentary from Aintree as he retrieved the ball, Shaw took longer over a throw-in than anyone in history

man, which I'm not of course... crops up so frequently across the airwaves and in print that you sometimes have to wonder how brokmakers manage to stay in busi-

Seems there are a lot of people out there with the quite curious no-tion that moral debasement will be inferred from the act of striking a wager. If it is true that they have never risked anything on a horse's nose - and lost, and cursed, and walked up again to bet on the next race - they are missing out on one of life's more fascinating if often

painful experiences.

Anyone in the habit of perusing what a distinguished American sportswriter, Red Smith, called the

"toy department" of newspapers will not be ignorant of the fact that fortunes were paid out at roll-up odds of more than 25,000-1 when Frankie Dettori brought in all seven winners last Saturday at Ascot.

Not to the heavy brigade, who doubtless considered this remarkable feat to be about as probable as coming across a generous bookmaker, but innocent types referred to commonly as mug punters. Ac-cording to a Ladbrokes representative, quite a few were £26,000 better off for a small stake.

Unfortunately, they did not include my friend and racing guru Dave Prescott, who went to the Ascot meeting armed with information that the most likely of four runners being sent out by Guy Harwood was

your fancy, have a score (£20) for me," I said.

Recently, I fell into conversation with Prescott over the stupidity of idle betting. "How many times have you watched racing on television and had a bet just for the sake of it?" he said. "How many times have you set off with a clear idea. got ahead of the game and then suf-fered from the temptation to bet on every race?"

This was not the way of things last week, however. When acting on the information he had been given, Prescott found himself opposed to the making of history.

At odds of 9-1, Northern Fleet under Pat Eddery seemed to have a de-cent chance, and sure enough it best gambling stories. One con-



came to threaten. "The place was in uproar," Prescott said, "and it felt as though I was the only one not shouting for Dettori on Fujiyama Crest." Beaten a neck. Another torn-up ticket.

cerns a couple of characters who popped up in this column recently, the rascally Sulky Gowers and Jindmy Logie, who captained Arsenal when one of the finest inside-forwards of his generation.

Having fallen out with the club's

authorities, Logie took the extra-ordinary step of joining Gravesend and Northfleet in the old Southern League. Seeking to repair the damage done by slow horses. Logie went for a handsome signing-on fee and three times the maximum wage of £20 per week that Football League clubs were then permitted to pay. Logic teamed up at Gravesend

with another former Arsenal player and enthusiastic punter, Arthur Shaw, who was once advised by Sulky to give up football, take three

ing in other members of the team. they were on Devon Loch in the 1956 Grand National. Because the race took place 20 minutes after kick-off time, Shaw arranged for a friend to stand at the front of an en-closure on the half-way line so that he could be immediately informed

of the result.
Hearing commentary from Aintree as he retrieved the ball, Shaw took longer over a throw-in than anyone in history. Devon Luch was clear at the Elbow and sounded a certain winner. All over bar the shouting. When this news was passed around, the joy was such that Gravesend were soon losing.

Coming in at half-time, Shaw was puzzled by the sad look that greeted him. "It got beat Arthur," his friend said. "Flaming thing spread its legs on the run-in."

For a rather different reason I remember the 1983 Grand National vividly. Looking for a third horse to make up forecasts with Corbiere and. Greasepaint, I came across the prediction that an Irish entry. Yer Man

at 70-1, would get round. Working for BBC Grandstand, I listened to the race while watching a football match at Luton. "It's Corbiere, Greasepaint and third, Yer, Man." I'd found the first three, writ-

# The quiet terrace revolution



The new breed of supporter is female, childless and coming to a game near you. **Mike Rowbottom** reports in the third part of our series

There is a new kind of football supporter in the British game. Female. Without children. Committed to a team which is hers, rather than her father's or her boyfriend's.

The evidence comes from the annual Premiership survey, the latest of which will be published later this month and which draws on 20,470 responses from Premiership supporters. 85 per cent of them season-ticket holders.

As with last year's survey, the indication is that one in every eight football supporters is a woman. It also appears to confirm that the improved atmosphere within most football grounds in the last few years has women to the game.

But the new data, according to Professor John Williams of the Chester Centre for Football Research, offers a clearer picture of female supporters. "One of the main points the survey inwrong to equate female fans with the family," Williams said. Something like 55 per cent

of the female respondents are in a long-term relationship or

have children. There are some

female supporters whose sons or partners are not interested in football. In certain cases, we see women escaping traditional domestic responsibilities some are going to the game and leaving their partners to look after the kids. Before widespread jubila-tion breaks out over the break-

ing of another stereotype, however, it should be pointed out that the survey also shows traditional areas of male domination remain intact.

"There seems to be more physical and cultural space for women at the smaller clubs," clubs, the commitment is more been a big factor in attracting intense and the culture is more masculine."

The lowest female response to the survey came, as last year. from Everton, where only seven per cent of replies were from women. At clubs such as Sheffield Wednesday, Wimbledicates this year is that it's don, Coventry, Queen's Park Rangers and Nottingham Forest, the female response rate was more than twice that figure.

One of those season-ticket holders who responded to the





when she was five years old. "It got into my blood, and it stayed," she said. "It's a habit

which doesn't die." Now 30, Caroline works in London, where she is a deputy catering manager at a University of London student hall. Her Saturday morning shifts just about fit in with watching her favourite team - a 10-minute dash gets her to Euston in time to catch the 12.15 train to her

home city. Following Coventry's for-tunes since the days of Jim

Caroline Partridge, who has been a Coventry City support- a trial for her – as it has no the other." Bang goes another Sarah, a 26-year-old secretary er since her grandfather took doubt for every other support- stereotype. her to see reserve matches er. "They never seem to catch fire," she says diplomatically.

The only time they did combust in a big way, when they won the 1987 FA Cup, she was unable to get a ticket as she was serving in Northern Ireland with the There has never been a ques-

tion of her changing to anoth-er club. She met her boyfriend, Andy, while returning from a Coventry game.

He is a London-based Manchester City fan, but the thought that she might travel to see a different team of sky blues was not living with a partner, but don't Premiership mailing shots was Blyth, Willie Carr and Ernie considered. "On a match day,

When Caroline goes up for has been watching the Sky a home game, she is often joined by her mother. Sheila, and says: "The season-ticket holders next to me all move up one." But there is no convincing her father, Tony, to join the

"He doesn't like football," she said. "We took him to a match at Nottingham Forest a few years ago when we got squashed and couldn't see the goals because of the flood-

Caroline often travels to matches with Sarah Robb, an-

The glamour, the passion and the pain: According to the latest Premiership survey, one in eight football supporters is female in the BBC sports department, they threw a flare. Some of the

> Blues regularly since she was 14. "At first I used to get asked why I wasn't shopping with my friends on a Saturday. But I just laughed it off. I said I would rather be here watching this."

Sarah, who edits the travel group's quarterly newsletter. Sky Blue Special, went out to Italy to support England in the 1990 World Cup and also saw England lose their crucial World Cup qualifying match in Rotterdam two years ago.

That was the only time I've felt really threatened at a other member of Coventry's match," she said. "The Dutch a new bedrock of support.

fans were throwing coins at us before the match, and then

seats around me got thrown back. I was hiding under mine." Such seenes, thankfully, have not been repeated within these shores, although she does take some precautions. "I don't tend to wear my colours in the North-east, because they are so fanatical up there. We might not

get any trouble, but we have to think of the lads we are with." Sarah's boyfriend, Neil, is another Manchester City fan. And no, she does not even think about going to Maine Road instead. Football, it seems, is finding

ten them down in the correct order but ignored the tricast. I still have a photocopy of the slip. Cost me £14,000.

#### Lee close to finding his man

Francis Lee, the chairman of Manchester City, expects to have a new manager in place within the next 10 days. Despite the string of rebuffs for the Maine Rook, post, Loe maintains that he has an extensive list of experi-

enced applicants at his disposal "I would hope to have a new manager in place before our next game with Queen's Park Rangers a week on Saturday," he said. "If we don't, I might have to get my own tracksuit out! But, seriously, negotiations are progressing."

Whoever takes charge will have to get City back into the Premiership or risk losing Georgiou Kinkladze.

Lee has always insisted that Kinkladze is not for sale, but he recognises that the midfielder might not wish to play another cason in the First Division.

"Gio was at my house this week and he was quite happy, Lee said. "But perhaps he would not show for playing another season in this league.

Lee realises that his own future at City is being put in jeopardy by his willingness to talk to potential investors. "If people get total control of the club, they can pick their own chairman," Lee, who owns 29.9 per cent of the shares in City, said. "In any event, if the board here don't fancy me as chairman, they can get

Mark Guterman, the chairman of Third Division Chester. into Maine Road in an effort to secure the future of Chester as a feeder club for the Manchester side. The announcement. however, was postponed because of "the delicate nature of the negotiations".

Lee remains optimistic and is looking forward to the challenge of the next few weeks, "We need to get things sorted out - and that includes the managerial front. That is part of the plan as well and we are hoping to get that sorted out before the next match."

# Nolan puts accent on defence

Home for Ian Nolan used to be Irish dare not lose. the non-League circuit, playing for such clubs as Northwich Victoria and Marine. On Saturday, however, the former Preston apprentice will step on to the World Cup stage with Northern Ireland when they face Armenia at Windsor Park, The 2n-year-old Sheffield

Wednesday defender was called up after the Northern Ireland manager, Bryan Hamilton, did his side's defeat by Ukraine in the opening qualifier last month. Hamilton discovered that Nolan's grandparents came from County Antrim, and now Wednesday's left-back looks

"I am delighted to get this some detective work following a lot of the lads because I play certain to switch sides in defence and make his international de- Hillsborough, after his former

"My manager, David Pleat,

called me into his office a couple of weeks ago," Nolan said vesterday, "Bryan Hamilton had been on the phone, wondering how I would feel about being part of the Northern Ire-

chance as every player worth his salt wants to play at interna-tional level. Obviously I know against them in the Premiership, but I don't know any of them that well. The thing that is causing me most difficulty is the Irish accent. I'm finding it hard to pick up what they are saying," Nolan is in his third season at but at Beltast in a match the manager Trevor Francis spent

£1.5m to sign him from Nationwide League side Tranmere. who have missed out on a £200,000 bonus because he has opted to play for the Irish rather than wait for an England call-up. Graham Mackerell, the

Wednesday secretary, said: The agreement was that we would have paid a certain sum to Tranmere if he had been picked for England, not Northern Ireland. Hamilton knows a victory is

vital on Saturday as his side's next match involves a visit to the European champions, Germany, on 9 November. Armenia are widely accepted as being one of the weakest

nations, although they drew

0-0 against Portugal in their

opening qualifier.

Paolo Maldini, the Italy captain, has warned against treating Moldova and Georgia as lightweights in their qualifying group. "You have to be careful," he said yesterday. "It's up to us to make this an easy start." Italy, who lost on penalties to

Brazil in final of the last World Cup and failed to progress beyoud the first phase of Euro 96. begin their Group Two qualifying campaign in Moldova on Saturday and are at home to Georgia on 9 October.

Maldini, capped 71 times, rejected suggestions he had en below form both for both Milan and his country this season. "I'm fine now and I was fine before. Negative judgements and positive judgements can both be exaggerated," he said.

Zaragoza demand a replay Real Zaragoza want to replay the last 20 minutes of Sunday's Spanish League game with Barcelona which they had been leading 3-2 but ended up losing

troversial penalty. Television coverage suggests that the linesman, Rafael Guerrero, mistook the Zaragoza defender Xavier Aguado for team-mate Jesus Solana, and that he may have been wrong to tell the referee, Enrique Mejuto, to award a penalty.

5-3 after a linesman gave a con-

Zaragoza have also sent football authorities a video of what they believe to be a series of bad refereeing decisions made against them this season.

The Spanish league disciplinary committee suspended neimeeting on Tuesday. The incident has become a major talking-point in Spain.

Barcelona's Fernando Couto has been accused of overreacting by falling to the ground when pushed from behind by Solana, a view apparently re-flected even by the Barcelona coach, Bobby Robson. "Couto was intelligent, but not Solana," Robson said.

Meanwhile the obscenitycharged conversation between the two officials is becoming the stuff of legend. Atletico Madrid supporters chanted the more memorable phrases in Monday's game against Hercules. Michael Robinson, the for-

mer Liverpool forward now a successful television commenther Aguado nor Solana in its tator, also saw the comic side of

the incident. "If I were a bank robber, I'd like to have him as a witness." Robinson said of the linesman. Guerrero has seen his life in a remote rural region disrupted by telephone threats. But he has turned down an offer of time off from his work as a caretaker at a school, which itself has been daubed with grafitti.

Gigi Maifredi, the former Juventus coach, has quit after just a few weeks as coach of the leading Tunisian side, Esperance. Maifredi's departure follows disagreements with club officials, sources said on Wednesday. Maifredi, who made his name by taking Bologna to the

First Division in the late 1980s, was in charge of Juventus dur-ing the 1990/91 season when

they finished seventh. He also coached Genoa and Brescia. VfB Stuttgart, leaders of the German Rundesliga, scraped into the third round of the German Cup on Tuesday night winning 6-5 on penalties after two players were sent off against the Second Division team

Hertha Berlin. The midfielder. Fabrice Moreau, has joined the exodus of French players to foreign clubs this season by moving to the Spanish First Division side, Rayo Vallecano, from Toulon for one million francs (£130,000). About 30 French players are plying their trade with foreign clubs this season. The traffic has been two-way, with 40 foreigners joining French First Division

#### McCracken cracks on

Robert McCracken plans to make a rapid return to the ring after his successful Commonwealth middleweight title defence against the Canadian Fitzgerald Bruney at Aston Villa Luisure Centre,

McCracken extended his unbeaten record to 28 fights, comfortably outpointing Bruney on Tuesday, and he is now keen to build on that success. The former British light-mid-dleweight champion said: "I

looking forward to making further strides in 1997. "It is important I build on the fitness level I had for this fight as I don't want all the hard work

to go to waste."

ring again in December. I am

McCracken was relieved to overcome his rugged opponent from Toronto, whom he had beaten on points to win the vacant title last November.

He added: "I am sure that. throughout the rest of my career. I will never come up against anyone as awkward. "I always felt in control. Even though I let him back into the

fight in the sixth round, I was able to step up a gear after that." McCracken, ranked No 2 by the International Boxing Federation, is likely to be guided towards a challenge for the will be back in the gym very European title by his manager, quickly and hope to be in the

Mickey Duff, before bidding for

world honours. Duff said: "I have guided Robert to a Lonsdale Belt and Commonwealth title, and hopefully he will fight for the European title in six months and the world title later next year."

# Self-interested game spits in the public's face

and the misery of Clevelanders, the Orioles dispatched the indians 10-4 in Tuesday's opening American League play-off game. But the talk of baseball is not Bobby Bonilla's grand slam homer which clinched the victory. It is the less exalted matter of spit, or more precisely the expectoration which Bonilla's team-mate Roberto Alomar de-

threatens to disfigure his sport. Spitting has a long history in baseball. The spitball is part of the sports legend, outlawed in 1920 but even now surreptitiously and occasionally practised. Players would spit tobacco, too before that was banned in this

livered on Friday in the face of

an umpire. Five days later, it

To the eestasy of Baltimoreans an at-bat. What you do not do is spit at the umpire. That alone would have made the Alomar affair remarkable, even without his gratuitously offensive postscript that John Hirschbeck had become "real bitter" since the death of his seven-year-old son of a rare genetic disease three years ago. When he heard shout that remark, the umpire had to be physically restrained from

attacking Alomar. Who can

blame him?

Players and umpires squaring up is nothing new. More than any sport, baseball tolerates a measure of dissent. The ritual hardly varies; as in the Alomar case, a dubious third strike is called, a beefy batter protests to a big-bellied home-plate umanti-tobacco age), and many spit pire, eyeball to eyeball they glare into the ground to relax during at each other, and the F-word

Rupert Cornwell reports from Washington on the affair that threatens baseball's play-offs

not. At that point, either the manager intervenes and hauls the batter off to the dug-out, or the player and/or manager are ejected from the game. The worst that usually happens is suspension for a game or two.

This time, the American League (in which the Orioles play) gave him a routine suspension of five games. The player appealed, and the matter was put off to an unspecified date. The umpires were outraged and threatened to strike through the play-offs unless Alomar was suspended with immediate effect, ensuring he missed some games which really mattered. On

starts to fly. Blows and spit do Tuesday a compromise was reached: the umpires would work that day and yesterday. while the AL agreed to advance its appeal hearing to today.

There matters stand. Given those who control baseball and their greed, selfishness and stupidity (the three guiding principles behind the eight-month players' strike of 1994-95), the rest of the post-season cannot be counted safe. "Scab" umpires may be drafted in, and if Alomar is given the punishment most people (including most Orioles fans) think he merits, then the Players' Union may down tools again. Incredible it may sound, but in baseball anything is possible.

suspension is a joke. Alomar is one of the finest baseball players of his generation – a graceful hitter from both sides of the plate, an electrifying baserunner, and a dazzling defensive second baseman. For these skills the Baltimore Orioles pay him \$6m (£4m) a year. Missing five out of 162 regular season games would be barely noticed by either club or player (other than the loss of \$180,000 in wages, a pittance for Alomar but more than the annual salary of a Major League umpire). To have meaning, a suspension would have to last at least a fort-

some of the post-season. That may yet be decided today. But almost anywhere else. in almost any other sport, pun-

night, and embrace at least

ishment would be severe and automatic. For Paul Gasonigne, Alan Shearer or the journeyman Third Division full-back alike, a red card means suspension even if the next game is the World Cup final. But baseball has long since dispensed with the concept of discipline. Since the owners sacked Commissioner Paul Vincent in 1992 the sport has been without an ultimate independent authority able to grasp the ethical and PR disaster the game's rulers were inflicting upon it with their handling of the Alomar incident. But baseball is run by selfinterested factions of owners. unions, players agents and lawyers. And now they are souring, if not wrecking, the postseason. But does baseball care? No, it just spits in your face.

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Cricket Council (ACC) Pepsi Trophy in the Malaysian capi-tal and eight of the nine full members of the International Cricket Council (ICC) particpated under the lights of the ultra-modern Hong Kong Stadium in the sixth six-a-side tournament there, the first

granted ICC recognition.

At the moment Sri Lanka, the
World Cup champions, Pakistan and South Africa have those fierce arch-rivals India and joined the host nation in the first tournament in Kenya to attract miliar neutral setting of Canada's largest city, 12 coun-tries as geographically diverse

such eminent participants - and to be accorded full ICC status. Tomorrow, Canada and Bermuda enter the mainstream of West Indies cricket for the first time as part of the annual

limited overs competition for the Shell-Sandals Trophy. Last April Sri Lanka, India and Pak-

istan played for the Singer Cup on the tiny pedang in the heart of bustling Singapore. The initiatives for all this have been taken mainly by adminis-trators far removed from the traditional powerbase at Lord's, headquarters of both the MCC

The Asian Cricket Council, formed six years ago principally on the instigation of the secretary of the Indian Board and ICC presidential candidate Jagmohan presidential candidate tagus non-Dalmiya, staged the event in Malaysia. There the king's son, Tunku Imran, like David Gower an old boy of King's School, CanTony Cozier assesses the increasing 'globalisation' of the game

Cricket boldly going where it has never been before

terbury, is an influential, handson president of the Association. The push for the Toronto senes came from the Indian and Pakistani boards. The Nairobi tournament was instigated main-ly out of Johannesburg where the dynamic Ali Bacher is moving towards spreading cricket throughof the Canadians, Bermudans

and next year, the Americans in the Shell-Sandals was determined by the West Indies Board. Dalmiya refers to it as the ame's "globalisation". I S Bindra, president of the Indian

Board, calls it "an amazing revolution". Indeed it is. Until 1981, when Sri Lanka were admitted, the ICC had only six full members, those that played Tests and qualified automatically for the World Cup. In 1992 the end of apartheid allowed South Africa's re-entry and Zimbabwe were admitted. There are 22 associates which play the game recreationally and at vary-ing standards but, all told, the ICC still has fewer members than

most sporting organisations.
There have been three main catalysts for the transformation. The first has been the develop-ment and acceptance of the one-day game. None of the associates has a professional league and their cricket is restricted to the limited overs variety which offers more of a chance of competing realistically. Zimbabwe, for instance, defeated Australia, and Kenya humbled the West Indies in their first appearances in

Satellite television has been essential to the game's new far-flung look, ESBN, the American sports channel that has recently set up in Asia, have paid \$18m (£12m) for the India-Pakistan contest in Toronto over five years, satisfied it will gain it millions of new view-

the World Cup.

Its more established comctitor, the Murdoch-owned Star TV out of Hong Kong. transmitted the ACC Trophy from Kuala Lumpur and the Hong Kong Sixes live. When Bangladesh beat the UAE in the ACC final it set off the kind of wild celebrations in the streets of Dhaka not common in London when England happens to

in a rare Test match. The administrators have finally recognised that the more it can be seen the more it is likely to catch on in parts of the globe it has not yet reached. If the Hong Kong Sizes, played in a stadium custom-built for football, was to proper cricket what ming Lord Sutch is to

Rugby Union

the next four years.

Sky TV have bid £140m for the

exclusive rights to the European

Cup and European Confer-

ence club competitions over

to take over from ITV as ex-

clusive broadcasters of the

events, a consortium from an-

other broadcasting group, which includes cable and ter-

restrial interests, are believed to

The European club compe-

titions are run by European

Rugby Cup Ltd, who have been

negotiating a fresh television contract since ITV withdrew last

week. ERC is likely to make a

quick decision on Sky's offer as

this season's tournaments kick

It is also understood that Sky

are making a move to cover matches in the Five Nations

tournament following the deal

struck independently by Eng-

Sky are said to be confident

that ERC will accept their of-

fer, which vastly exceeds the

The negotiations have con-

International Board meetings.

The news will come as a wel-

£15m over three years that ITV

originally put on the table.

off on Saturday week.

be ready to outbid Sky.

Although Sky are favourites

British politics, it still attracted 12,000 cosmopolitan speciators who revelled in the exchement of constant six-hits and action.

Among them were David Richards, the chief executive of ficer of the ICC, and Shi Tian Shu of the China Sports Exchange Centre, who left keen to carry the international tournament to Peking, where there is already an annual Sixes among Commonwealth embassies and touring club teams

We had a useful conversation and we're certainly open to Richards said. If the ICC can get the Chinese playing this intri-cate game, that really would be

but have been worried about the

financial aspects after ITV's

Racing Club of Paris have at-tempted to sign the Cardiff

and Wales second-rower Der-

Christophe Mombet, the

Racing Club coach, contacted

the 6ft 10in Jones after the

Weish team's defeat at the

hands of France last Wednesday

even though the giant lock was

"At first I thought it was a wind-up." Jones said, "but it was

a genuine offer and I was flat-

Although he said he was

happy to remain with Cardiff.

where he is under a three-year

contract. Jones has not ruled out

such a move in the future.

Jones was recalled to the Welsh

team this week to replace the

injured Mike Voyle for the

game against Italy in Rome on

Richard Hill, the Gloucester

director of rugby, is set to go

shopping for new players after

five successive Courage League

defeats have left the club with-

out a point in the First Division.

til now to build a top-level

squad by recruiting promising

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as a replacement - there was always a risk attached to bringing Neil Harmon, who had been out of contract with Leeds and had not played a match since the middle of June.

# cast steal limelight

Rugby League DAVE HADFIELD

reports from Churchill Park, Fiji President's XIII Great Britain

ments in the past month in

Kuala Lumpur, Hong Kong, Toronto and Nairobi?

at long last, is breaking free of

the self-imposed claustrophobia

that has largely confined it to

nine Commonwealth countries.

Pakistan contested five one-

day internationals in the unfa-

as Japan, the United Arab Emi-

rates, the Maldives and Fiji

met in the inaugural Asian

In the space of three weeks

The answer is cricket which.

Two of the more debatable choices for the Lions' tour took leading roles as Great Britain maintained their perfect record in Oceania with a convincing win over a Fijian second-string

The St Helens stand-off and "Unit was at an her loose forward Karle Hammond week and in waygakh scraped on to the plane as a late President's XIII.

The Line way and list replacement for the injured The Line were would not show to pure Shaun. Edwards, winning recog-tuber we would that it in the injured Shaun. Edwards, winning recog-nition for his role in his club's surge to the first Super League title. Hammond is regarded more as a creator than as a prolific scorer of tries, but his hattrick yesterday put him out on his own as the leading try-scorer on the tour.

Hammond admits that he had virtually given up hope of winning a tour place, but he now has his eyes on winning a place in the 17-man Test squad. "I'd give my right arm to play a Test for my country," he said. "It's a bit of a shock to be too trvscorer, but it's just a matter of

If Hammond was a logical choice to make the tour - albeit

And things did not start well Relate the state of the state will be seen that the part of the state we me have the large off with concussion within two minutes of his first appearance, at Mt Hagen last week. So yesterday was his first opportunity Referee: T Numu (Fij).

to accumulate some much-needed match practice. "I've been training all through the summer, but match fitness is something else altogether," Harmon said. "I asked [coach] Phil Larder to leave me on for as long as he could and I got 70-odd minutes. My goal now is to get into the Test team in New Zealand."

Terry O'Connor, who performed equally well alongside Harmon in the front row, could be the favourite for a place on the bench in the Test against Fiji on Saturday, when Great Britain can expect a far sterner challenge than they faced from the

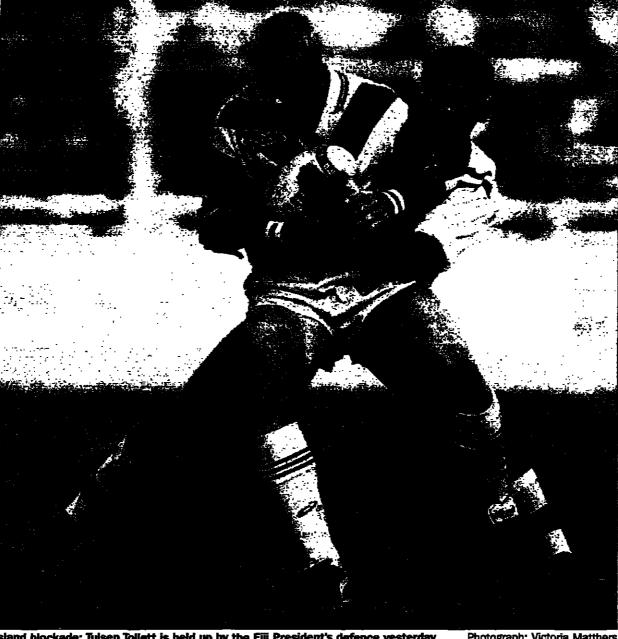
The Lions were 12-0 up be fore the overawed Fijians had stepped into their opponents' half, with Joey Haves scoring the first from Hammond's kick and then Hammond himself touching down. Tulsen Tollett, Keith Senior and Mick Cassidy fol-lowed with tries before half time

The tourists lost a little of their concentration and defensive bite after the break against a team that looked far more comfortable running at the opposition. The Fijians produced three tries in the second spell.

But the completion of Hammond's hat-trick, plus a further. try from Jason Critchley, kept Great Britain well out in front despite losing Tollett to the sin-bin for dissent in what he described afterwards as a case of mistaken identity.

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GREAT BRITAIN: Prescott (St Heisens); Hayes (St Heisens), Matther (Western Rods). Senior (Sheffield), Critchley (Reignley); Hammond (St Heisens), Rabett (London); Harmon (Leeds), Lawes (Bradiond), O'Comor (Wigan), Bradbury (Otdham), Cassidy (Wigan), Joyet (St Heisens), Substitutes used: Selbens (St Heisens). (Mgar), Joyat (St. Helens), Substitutes used: Sulfiven (St. Helens), Malloy (Festherstone), Morley (Leeds), Dwyer (Bradford).



Island blockade: Tulsen Tollett is held up by the Fiji President's defence yesterday

## **Snubbed South Wales pull out of League**

have pulled out of the Rugby Football League.

The Cardiff-based club, who were in the Second Division in their first season this summer. were felt not to be ready for the Super League and were offered a First Division place for 1997.

South Wales, denied a place in the Super League by an aboutturn from their fellow clubs, per League or nothing and ply for Super League for either play in the First Division. We were ready for Super League and we were given it only for it per League or nothing and club representatives at yesterday's RFL Council meeting in Leeds were told that the Welsh-

men will not be competing at all. The RFL chief executive, Maurice Lindsay, said: They felt that people in South Wales want to watch the best or noth-

1998 or beyond."
The former Welsh rugby league international Mike Nicholas, the man behind the formation of South Wales, said: League. It's not viable for us to off.

to be taken away from us."

The loss of South Wales will mean that 11 clubs will operate in the First and Second Divisions "The only way to make it work season running from 1 March to is to have the profile of Super 5 October to take in a new play-

### Graham Gooch yesterday pulled out of England As forth-

ficials at present in Rome for the But Hill now accepts that he is

come relief to the clubs, who are Gloucester's existing line-up

gearing themselves up for this and their league rivals before

**Gatting steps in for Gooch** 

year's European tournaments relegation is inevitable.

coming tour to Australias. The former England and Essex cantain, who was due to coach the 15-strong party on their sevenweek tour starting on 23 October, withdrew because of his father's ill-health.

He has been replaced by Mike Gatting of Middlesex, another former England captain who will work alongside the manager, David Gravency.

Tim Lamb, the Test And County Cricket Board's chief executive elect, said: "Obviously it is unfortunate for Graham, but e are lucky to have someone to take his place of similar calibre and international experience."

unbeaten on 170 during Essex's final Championship match of the season, against Glamorgan at Chelmsford last month, to visit his father in hospital.

Lancashire have come under fire from members angry at the team's disastrous Championship showing last season. The club completed a Benson and Hedges Cup and NatWest Tro-phy double but have not won the Championship outright since 1934 and finished 15th in 1996 their worst finish of the decade.

At a chih meeting on Tuesday. members accused players of not showing full commitment and demanded better Old Trafford pitches to help produce results. But the club chairman, Bob Bennett, said: "This committee runs this club and the members voted us in - and we will continue

# Spartacus takes Cassan back to the top

**Equestrianism** GENEVIEVE MURPHY reports from Wembley

Tina Cassan may be on her way back to the top level of show jumping, thanks to Spartacus and Finchpalm Fujiyama, with whom she finished first and third in yesterday's SGC National Grade C Championship on the opening day of The Horse of the Year Show.

ers' Association. Black, stiver medallist in the 400 and the 4x400 metres re-

lay at this year's Olympic Games, pre-viously won the award in 1986. Jonathan Edwards has been voted the

Athletics

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The two eight-year-olds are "without any doubt" the best two mounts Cassan has ridden since Genesis was sold in 1993, following the death of his owner, Fred Brown. Cassan gained the first of her two Queen's Cup victories on Genesis in 1992 and after the horse was sold abroad, she was left to bring on novices. Yesterday's two arrived in her yard in January and she finds it impossible to say which of them is the more talented.

Mark Armstrong, who fin-ished second on six-year-old Iwan, has been in much the same situation since Corella died from colic in 1993, the year he won a team silver medal in the European Championships. Armstrong, who dislocated his shoulder three weeks ago, is equally positive that Iwan is the best horse he has ridden since the loss of his top mount. Emma Edwards gained her

rode her mare, Woodlands Clover, to win the earlier Toggi Wager which was decided on time. Edwards, now 20, has been placed three times in the National Under-21 Championship here, finishing third in 1993 and second for the last two

years - on each occasion with the same mare, who stands just Edwards had been up all the previous night at her stables nursing a horse that almost died first Wembley win when she

be on the mend by the time she jumped the winning round. Having been third of the 61 horses to jump, Edwards had not expected to retain the lead. Nor had Sarah Marshall, who was third into the jump-off for the Squibb and Davies Junior Foxbunter Championship which she won on Miami Blaze. This was the first Wembley

contest for 14-year-old Sarah, and although she found it quite

through colic. It was reported to daunting, she jumped two stylbe on the mend by the time she ish clear rounds. She is trained by Steven Smith (now based with his brother, Robert, in Essex) and he was the one who

told her to "go for it".
The Marshalls, a "one-pony family", had borrowed a horsebox to bring Miami Blaze here and the eight-year-old chestnut mare later finished third in the Junior Newcomers Championship, which was won by Mary Moss on Portsunlight.

#### SPORTING DIGEST

Roger Black and Denise Lewis have been voted Britain's Athletes of the Year by members of the British Athletics Writ-

Jonalnan cuwarus rass geen would the fifth too make athlete in the Waterford Crystal European Athlete of the Year awards. Roger Black Joins Edwards at No B in the men's top 10. AMERICAN LEAGUE Divisional series play-offs: Baltimort 10 Cityleland 4 (Baltimore lead best-u-five series 1-0); Texas 6 New York 2 (Festal lead best-of-five series 1-0).

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injuries to Arsenal's Matthew Rose (lig-ament) and Mark Ford (back), of Leads, have toroad them to withdraw from the England Under-21 squad to

meet Poland at Molineitx on Tuesday. Inswich defender Tory Vaughan and Sheffield Wednesday midfielder Lee Briscoe have been called up from the

Aberdeen's Deen Windess will miss two Agercian's Dean Warders will reside the matches after receiving his second red card of the season against Dundee United at Rannadice Park last Setunde, Windess is banned for the Pittodie fiture with Dunfamiline on 12 October 12 and the visit to librox to meet Rangers the following week. The Blackburn defender Jeff Kenna is

to return to training, despite fears that he could be out for a month with knee ligament damage. He is expected to be fit for Royers' next game, at Arsenal on 12 October. 12 October.

Newcastle's Uefa Cup second-round first-leg match at home to Ferencyarus was be telewised inte by 88C1 on Tues-

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TODAY'S NUMBER

The number of appearances that the 35-year-old goal-keeper Alan Knight made for Portsmouth, who yesterday gave him a free transfer. 1 am sony to be leaving after nearly 20 years, but there is no point in hanging about," he said.

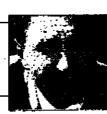


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'Direct face to face hostility is part of the manager's lot. Time minutes the nerve endings, but even those with skin the thickness of an old bull elephant have their sensitivity pierced at times' In tomorrow's independent, HOWARD WILKINSON on the precanous life of a feetball manager



Afternoon delight: Matthew Le Tissier (left) and the coach, Glenn Hoddle (right), flank the England squad as they enjoy the novelty of extended training after lunch at Bisham Abbey yesterday

# **England warming to week at Club Hoddle**

Football GLENN MOORE



England week, World Cup qualifier against just a few advertising boards Poland at Wembley. Week-long standing sentinel after the earlier exertions. The players would be back in the hotel playing cards, watching a video or trying to avoid Paul Gascoigne's practical jokes. But

became England coach. Yesterday his players were still on the training ground at 4pm, almost an hour after the session was scheduled to finish.

England, under Hoddle, have gone Continental. Yesterday was the first of seven days building up to next Wednesday's preparation periods have become more frequent in recent years but under Hoddle they are both more intensive and complete - unlike Terry Venables he will not be allowing his players

"We have seven days to prepare. If you are an internation-al footballer, being together for that time should not be a prob-lem," Hoddle said. "We will not drawn, but you do not want to be training every day, there will be a rest period - that is part of the preparation. But the players

will be at the hotel every day." Hoddle wants a full week, partly because, as the new coach, he has a lot of ground to cover - and partly to ensure the players are not compromised by photographs of themselves in night-clubs in the early hours of

Sunday morning.
"They can still have a drink

the top. There is a line to be drawn, but you do not want to "There are benefits on and

abroad for clubs and at international level. If we are going to do well then a certain amount of sacrifice is required from the players, myself and everyone. You cannot do it without that sort of dedication. That is what is needed. Others may see it differently but what is needed is the most

important thing."

at the right time," Hoddle said. ly of sacrifice; though he prob-"They are not schoolkids but it ably lives closer to the team hothat the week together would will be controlled - nothing over tel than anyone, he will not be

let the players know where it is.

off the pitch," Hoddle said. "It in the same room—said: "We've This is the way they do it gives me time to work out charno problem with it at all. The acters and gives me more scope in training. I can work hard some sessions but also have re-

"Seven days is enough to get the team spirit going and to do what we need. It will be broken up - we will train at Wembley and there will be a leisure day when they can play golf, go fish-Hoddle does not speak light- ing or visit the cinema.

Steve McManaman agrees help rekindle the mood of Euro 96. The Liverpool winger – who has even gone so far as to stay no problem with it at all. The players enjoy each other's company, there's plenty to do with

videos, table termis and whatnot." Hoddle added: "In an ideal world we would have seven days for every game but it is not an ideal world and I may have

to be flexible." He already has in allowing Manchester United's three representatives to arrive today afhope it continues."

yesterday. Also missing yester-day's training were injury victims Dominic Matteo (knee), Rob-bie Fowler (ankle), Ian Walker riously troubled and Hoddle will decide at the weekend if they

match as England coach. "I'm

(back) and Sol Campbell. The fore an England game. The Liverpool pair are the more seplayers initially denied the allegation only for Ron Greenwood, the then manager, to have said: "I don't know why Ticket sales have gone past they denied it -we did not have 60,000 for Hoddle's first home a curfew." They do say poachers become the best gamegoing to be very proud," he said.
"Tve had a great story with
Wembley, I played there for age [of the team and himself] England as a 21-year-old, I is part of the job but not No 1. 5

# Dublin consortium contacts Dons Scotland lose Hendry

**GUY HODGSON** 

Contrary to denials by Wimble- O'Callaghan in Dublin. don's owner. Sam Hammam, nethe club to Dublin. A consortium led by the manager of the rock group U2, Paul McGuinness, and a Cork property developer. Owen O Callaghan. has made an approach to buy a 74 per cent shareholding with the long-term intention of tak-

ing the club to Ireland. The deal would cost the Irish investors around 20m, of which half would be made available to the manager, Joe Kinnear, for players. This would be on top of

ject but the earliest Wimbledon could move in would be August 1999. Under the tentative plans, Hammam would retain 26 per cent of the club and would continue as chief executive.

However, there is no guarantee that Wimbledon, who currently share Crystal Palace's Selhursi Park ground, would gain the sanction of the Premier League, the Football Association or the FA of Ireland, Salvatore Cuccu, a spokesman for said: "We have read and heard

the estimated £60m required to build a new 40,000-seat national stadium on land owned by O'Callaghan in Dublin.

Uefa, European football's governing body, stressed: "Wimbledon are an English club with a home in England and Uefa is the would be happy to sign a two-lived to be about £200,000."

"I am open to offers for Paul, although, as yet, nobody has envanelli, meanwhile, said that he would be happy to sign a two-lived to be about £200,000.

Middlesbrough have told their Italian striker, Fabrizio Ravanelli, that he will not be going to Manchester United - or anywhere else. The £7m summer signing from Juventus sparked transfer speculation on Tuesday when he reportedly declared an interest in playing for United, who denied making a £10m

offer for Ravanelli. Yesterday Keith Lamb, Middlesbrough's chief executive,

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Planning permission has al- not in favour of them moving to year extension to his four-year contract. wanted him to.

Everton have lodged an official complaint with Fifa, football's world governing body, about the activities of an agent whom they claim has approached their winger, Andrei Kanchelskis, about a possible move to the Italian side, Fiorentina.

Aston Villa have agreed to a transfer request from their 36year-old Republic of Ireland defender, Paul McGrath. Brian

The Northern Ireland strik-French club, Nancy, because of a contractual dispute. However, as part of the post-Bosman rules under which Gray joined Nancy for nothing from Sunderland, he is unable to return to a British club this season.

The Leicester midfielder, Mustapha Izzet, has abandoned hopes of playing World Cup football for Turkey - because he has to do national service in the Turkish Army before he can play Little, the Villa manager, said: for the national team.

#### Colin Hendry is the latest addition to Scotland's World Cup casualty list, and his absence in-

tional debut in the Group Three John McGinlay. in Riga. The Blackburn defender will today have a hernia operation, which will put him out of action for at least four weeks. That leaves Scotland's coach, Craig

McAllister making his interna-

Brown, with another headache before the World Cup double header which concludes in Estonia on Wednesday.

The Rangers strikers Ally Mc-Coist and Gordon Durie were also ruled out yesterday from a party already without from Dun-

can Ferguson. The Blackburn forward Kevin Gallacher remains a be at our very best to collect six -fitness doubt as Brown ponders points." creases the chance of Brian a call-up for Dougle Freedman. of Crystal Palace, or Bolton's leaves Calderwood, Boyd,

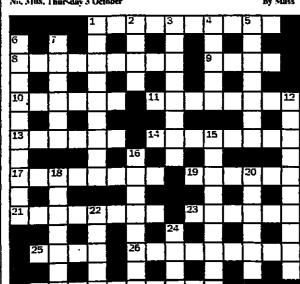
> McStay, Alan McLaren and even Craig Levein, who we have also had to do without," Brown said yesterday of the injury problems, which he refused to call a crisis. "We usually have about four or five call-offs from any squad. I'll make my mind up to-morrow about bringing in Freedman or McGinlay or even

"The call-offs are undoubtedly a blow, but I'm still cautiously optimistic that we can win both fitness test today.

The absence of Hendry Whyte and Wimbledon's McAlcentral defence. "I think I'd be very nervous if I did get pitched in against Latvia on Saturday. but it would be a great honour to play for Scotland," McAllis-

Andy Legg, the Birmingham winger, will make his home de-but for Wales against the Netherlands in a Group Seven qualifying match in Cardiff on Saturday if Sheffield Wednesday's Mark Pembridge fails a

#### THE INDEPENDENT CROSSWORD



ACROSS Curse money and steps taken to get into it!

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Longs for topless girl

## **Brighton fans target Archer**

Brighton supporters are to step up the pressure on the club's chairman, Bill Archer, by mak-ing a 250-mile trip to his Lancashire home to demand his

Ian Hart, an official of the Brighton Independent Supporters' Association, said that a substantial number of fans will protest outside Archer's home in the village of Mellor, near Blackburn, the night before Saturday's Third Division game at Wigan.

It is the latest part of the campaign to force Archer to quit after demonstrations during Tuesday's 3-1 defeat at home to Lincoln forced play to be halt-ed in the first half for 13 minutes.

Supporters are still angry at the decision of Archer and the Brighton board to sell the Goldstone Ground and also at the breakdown in talks with the consortium, headed by the businessman Dick Knight, which

comment, but he will be waiting to see bow severe the action to be taken by the Football Association will be, after the holdup when 150 supporters

ngregated in the centre circle after Lincoln's opening goal.
At the very least, Brighton seem certain to have to play one match behind closed doors and have three points deducted - the product of the suspended sen-tence given to them by the FA after fans caused the abandonment

of the game with York in April. Birmingham City have agreed to sell Mike Newell following his surprise transfer request after only 70 days at St Andrew's. After a meeting with the player yesterday, the City manager, Trevor Francis, accepted Newell's ex-

planation that he wanted to leave for personal reasons. Francis said: "Basically he has not settled too well in the area. He has been in a hotel for a

Archer was unavailable for couple of months and he is miss-ing his family." The Nationwide League's

First Division clubs have narrowly voted in favour of extending the rule that allows clubs to call off League matches because of in ternational call-ups to include Under-21 players. Until now only clubs with three or more players in senior international squads could postpone fixtures.

The change will be welcomed by clubs such as Charlton, Norwich and Ipswich, who have a string of talented young players, and by Cardiff and Wrexham whose players from the backbone of the Wales Under-21 squad.

Charlton's home game with Barnsley on Saturday has been postponed because the London club have Richard Rufus and Shaun Newton in the England Under-21 squad, as well as John Robinson in the Wales senior squad. Ipswich against Swindon

## Rusedski relying on his serve

it to beat another Czech, Daniel

Vacek, in three sets in the open-

ing round. "I played much bet-

ter than yesterday, it was nearly perfect, he said afterwards.

minute match.

was still to come.

Greg Rusedski moved into the quarter-finals of the Singapore Open yesterday with a 7-6, 6-4 victory over South Africa's Grant Stafford to set up a meeting with Andrei Olhovskiv of Russia, who beat Sweden's Patrik Fredriksson 7-5, 6-2.

Rusedski has never played the Russian before and said: "It will be a match between two big servers. I'll have to be serving well and I'll have to go for more on my returns."

But I'm not at my best yet." He and Stafford both held The fourth seed, Marcelo Rios of Chile, and the Swede serve through their first set before Rusedski overwhelmed the Thomas Enqvist, seeded fifth, also progressed into the third South African in the tie-break, losing just one point. Stafford round. Enqvist, who saved three match points in his first-round had several chances early in the second set, but Rusedski saved match against Australia's Jason the situation with one of the 13 Stoltenberg, beat the Italian

qualifier Gianluca Pozzi 6-3, 6-3 aces he fired during the 80-Rios cruised to a 6-3, 6-2 victory The French Open winner. over Sweden's Mikael Tillstrom

Yevgeny Kafelnikov, stepped up. in just 52 minutes. a gear to beat Czech Petr Kor-Fresh from her Fed Cup vicda 6-4. 6-3 in the second round tory with the United States, Lindsay Davenport defeated Barbara Schett of Austria 6-4, of the Lyon Grand Prix yesterday - and then said his best form 7-5 in the first round of the Kafelnikov, the second seed, Sparkassen Cup in Leipzig. Davenport, seeded fifth, falhad been stretched to the lim-

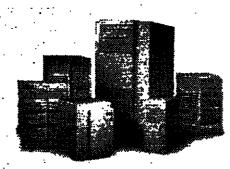
tered at the start of the second set and fell behind 5-2, but fought back to secure victory. "I want to win here and eventual ly I want to be world No 1," the 20-year-old said after the match.

in second-round matches, Iva Majoli of Croatia defeated Silvia Farina of Italy 6-4, 6-2, and the unseeded Helena Sukova of the Czech Republic upset the eighth seed, Karina Habsudova of Slovakia, 7-5, 6-7, 6-2.

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